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Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays his respects to Lata's mortal remains at her funeral pyre in Shivaji Park, Mumbai | PTI

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LATA MANGESHKAR • SEPTEMBER 28, 1929 • FEBRUARY 6, 2022

VOICE OF INDIA IN EVERY SENSE

The Nightingale cremated with full state honours late in the evening, brother lights pyre; two-day mourning announced

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SHILAJIT MITRA

IT all began with a haunting. Nobody expected *Mahal* (1949), often dubbed the first horror film of Bollywood, to be a massive hit. And nobody anticipated *Aayega Aanewala*, the film's mournful melodic centrepiece, to do what it did. Lata Mangeshkar, then 20, understandably nervous, had a strange task. She had to begin the song from a corner of the room, and then, approaching the microphone, lodge its refrain. Timing was everything.

This story reverberates, much like its containing song, throughout Lata's career. She was a master of timing and tone, and myriad technical inventions bolstered her seemingly effortless voice. Or they did until now. The renowned singer and legend, a beacon of Indian film music the world over, and natively its queen, passed away on Sunday, after a sustained battle with Covid-19 in Mumbai. She was 92.

The end came at 8.12 am in Mumbai's Breach Candy hospital following multiple organ failure. Her brother Hridyanath Mangeshkar lit the funeral pyre at Shivaji Park late in the evening.

Lata was born to music and the stage. Her father, Pandit Deenanath Mangeshkar, was a classical vocalist and theatre actor. He had five children: Lata, Meena, Asha, Usha and Hridaynath. Lata, the eldest, began by acting in her father's plays. But his early demise brought her to the world of films. She acted in four Marathi films, one of which, *Gajabhau*, had her first Hindi song, *Hindustan Ke Logon*.

One of Lata's early champions was Ghulam Haider. Under his mentorship and the break of *Aayega Aanewala*, she found her footing in the 50s Hindi cinema. For the next four decades, Lata redefined Indian playback singing, elevating its credentials amid the strictures of classical traditions. Her peerless vocal range, deep musical knowledge, and unblemished singing style — varyingly described as sweet, pure and ageless — brought her fame. She recorded thousands of songs in Indian and foreign languages.

There were the romantic odes (*Jab Pyar Kiya To Darna Kya*, *Pyaar Hua Ikrar Hua*, *Ajeeb Dastan Hai Yeh*), the sad favourites (*Ek Pyaar Ka Nagma Hai*, *Raina Beeti Jaye*), the patriotic hits (*Aye Mere Watan Ke Logon*), the timeless duets (*Tum Aa Gaye Ho*, *Tere Bina Zindagi Se Koi* — Kishore; *'e Mohabbat Unse Milne Ka Bahana*, *Kali Ghata Ghir Aye Re* — Rafi; *O Mere Sanam*, *Ichak Dana Beechak Dana* — Mukesh) and countless *bhajans*, *aartis*, and *ghazals*. Where do you begin? Where do you end?

> *Many have sung better than me, but perhaps they didn't get as much as I did. It is His kindness alone*
>
> **Lata Mangeshkar in all humility**

In a tribute to Lata, it would be remiss to leave out the composers, Shankar-Jaikishan and Laxmikant-Pyarelal being her sternest constants. Equally irreplaceable, though, are the actors who inhabited her voice: Nimmi, Madhubala, Meena Kumari, Nargis and later, everyone from Waheeda Rehman, Hema Malini and Jaya Bhaduri to Sridevi, Madhuri Dixit and Kajol.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

In the introduction to her 2009 book, *Lata Mangeshkar ...in Her Own Voice*, Nasreen Munni Kabir observed, "An interesting question to ask is whether Lataji is singing for the actress or the actress' performance is determined by Lataji."

Lata's formal accolades seem almost beside the point in the enormous context of her career. She won the National Film Award thrice, the Padma Bhushan, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, and, in 2001, the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. Her expansive playback career was one half; she also exalted Indian film music on the international stage, composed soundtracks, produced films, released albums, founded hospitals and designed jewellery — all this while being one of the most reclusive and media-shy public figures of India.

Last year, on the occasion of her 92nd birthday, Lata gave one of her last interviews to journalist Subhash K Jha. She said she intends to return to active singing soon, and that she condemned communal divisions in the country. She sounded clear-eyed about a world without her. "It will be the same," she said humbly, though unbelievably. No, Lata ji, it's not the same.

Flag at half-mast

The Tricolour will be flown at half-mast during the mourning as a mark of respect. She was in hospital since January 8 due to mild Covid, and later pneumonia

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She leaves a void that cannot be filled. The coming generations will remember her as a stalwart of Indian culture, whose melodious voice had an unparalleled ability to mesmerise people

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Her heart touching voice and a life of struggle will always be an inspiration for generations

Sonia Gandhi, Congress president

Through her songs, she made an immense contribution to India's cultural integration

Dr Manmohan Singh, former Prime Minister

The voice of a million centuries has left us. Her voice resounds now in the Heavens

Amitabh Bachchan, actor

She'll always continue to live in our hearts through her music

Sachin Tendulkar, cricketer

She was part of a soul, a consciousness of Indianness. This void is going to remain forever

A R Rahman, music composer

PUNJAB POLLS

Channi is the chosen one; Sidhu misses CM bus

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

IT is official: Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi is the party's chief ministerial face for the upcoming Assembly elections. Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Sunday made the announcement hoping to consolidate Dalit votes in favour of the party as they constitute 32% of the population in the state.

Addressing a virtual rally in Ludhiana, Rahul Gandhi said, "It was a difficult decision, but the people of Punjab made it easy as they wanted a CM who comes from a poor family. It is the decision of Punjab. He (Channi) is from a poor family. He understands poverty and knows it deeply. And in his heart and blood there is Punjab."

The big loss, of course, is for Navjot Singh Sidhu, Punjab Congress president who had triggered the upheaval in the state unit hoping to become the chief minister. After Rahul's announcement, Channi touched Sidhu's feet seeking his blessings. He said, "I thank everyone. This is a big battle which I can't fight alone. I don't have the money, courage to fight it. The people of Punjab will fight this battle"

Earlier, Sidhu said that he was never after any post, though he added he does not want to remain a *darshani ghora* (showpiece). "It is a moment of change, Inqilab, one which can better the lives of people. We don't need anything, we only need Punjab's welfare. My love for Punjab always wanted its betterment," he added. P10

DJ held for assaulting guest who requested Kannada song

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A disc jockey (DJ) allegedly assaulted a person for requesting to play Kannada songs at a pub in Koramangala late on Saturday night. The police have booked a case and arrested the DJ, who claimed the incident had nothing to do with language and he assaulted the customer for hurling filthy abuses.

The alleged incident took place at Badmaash, a pub located in Koramangala. Sumitha and her cousins had gone to the pub to celebrate one of their birthdays. Sumitha told reporters that her cousins requested the DJ, Siddarth Mehrotra, to play a Kannada song. He told them he would play the song, but did not.

"At 12.30 am, the DJ stopped the music. When my cousin asked the DJ why he didn't play the Kannada song, he behaved rudely with us, told us we should not come to such places and asked us to get out. When my cousins objected to his behaviour, he held one of my cousins by the collar and assaulted him. He was stopped by the staff," Sumitha alleged.

Following the incident, Kannada activists protested in front of the pub at Sunday noon and took the pub manager, Dominic, to task. Dominic, who apologised for the incident, said usually they play Kannada songs, but there was a problem on Saturday night. "From now on, we will ensure that DJs play Kannada songs. I sincerely apologise for yesterday's (Saturday's) incident," he said.

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EXPRESS READ

5 of family murdered in Mandya dist

MYSURU: A woman and four children were found murdered at KRS village, near KRS dam, in Mandya district on Sunday morning. Lakshmi (32), her children Raj (12), Komal (7) and Kunal (4), and Govinda (8), the son of a relative, were lying in a pool of blood at their home. The local police suspect it to be a case of murder for gain | P5

Govt can deal with any global devpt: FM

NEW DELHI: India is prepared to deal with any situation arising out of global developments, including the US Federal Reserve's decision to roll back monetary easing, and will not allow the country's economy to suffer, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asserted on Sunday.

NATIONWIDE	FEB 5	FEB 6
Fresh cases	1,27,952	1,07,474
Recoveries	2,30,814	2,13,246
Deaths	1,059	865

KARNATAKA	FEB 5	FEB 6
Fresh cases	12,009	8,425
Recoveries	25,854	19,800
Deaths	50	47

Lumpens beware! Girls to get self-defence skills

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

GIRL students of all schools and colleges in the state will soon be given training in self-defence, announced CM Basavaraj Bommai here on Sunday.

Launching the "Obavva Art of Self Defence Training" for girl students studying in boarding schools run by the Social Welfare Department, at an event organised in Vidhana Soudha, Bommai said over 50,000 girl students staying at Backward Classes and Social Welfare Department hostels will be trained in self-defence in the first phase. He instructed the Home Department to use Police Training Schools to train women in self-defence.

"Many laws have been passed, programmes formulated and funds released to prevent atrocities against women. But there is a need to train them in self-defence too. Rogue elements can be taught a lesson if they have self-defence skills," he said. P4

Girl students display their martial arts and self-defence skills at the launch of the Obavva Art of Self Defence Training programme at Vidhana Soudha on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday : 07/02/2022 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Sishira • Masa: Magha • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Shashti 7.16 am • Nakshatra: Ashwini 9.28 pm • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 17°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST: Morning clouds

Sunrise 6.44 am | Sunset 6.23 pm | Moonrise 11.08 am | Moonset 11.52 pm

GPS fails, now app to track garbage vehicles

The new in-house app will note movement of vehicles, where waste is collected and details of any delays

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AS enabling GPS on garbage collection vehicles and tracking them has become a challenge for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike (BBMP) officials due to several technical and logistical reasons, the civic body is now working on launching an app to track such vehicles.

The Solid Waste Management wing of BBMP had been working on tracking garbage vehicles using GPS for the past three years. But it could not achieve complete success because of several issues.

The in-house app has been created for all auto-tipper drivers, attendants, garbage collectors, drivers of garbage compactors and conductors, and others, who work with the BBMP in garbage management.

Sarfaraz Khan, BBMP, Joint Commissioner, Solid Waste Management, told The New Indian Express that GPS has been fixed, but there are glitches in the system. The GPS coordinates and readings are not accurate. The staff have also complained that there are battery issues, the head office is unable to read GPS coordinates, the signals malfunction, or worse, it does not even switch on sometimes. The app was launched to overcome all these issues, he added.

Khan said a pilot will be carried out first on a few vehicles. It is being made mandatory for each vehicle to run the app before setting out on any trip. Just like the GPS, the app will note the vehicles' movements, where garbage is being collected, and details of any delays and halts. Each movement is going to be tracked, block-by-block, to know the details of garbage collection. Radio frequency identification (RFID) card verification will also be done mandatorily for those involved in garbage collection.

According to BBMP records, there are 5,500 auto tippers and 600 compactors in Bengaluru. There is a need for such aggressive tracking as many citizens are complaining about improper garbage collection, black spots in many parts of the city and harassment by outsourced contractors as BBMP staffers are not reporting for duty.

LONG LIST

806 District-wise total pending criminal cases

798 Criminal cases pending before HC

179 Petitions against Lokayukta pending before HC

Details of sanction for prosecution is awaited from 2015: **10**

Details of Sanction for prosecution is rejected: **25**

Applications pending before KAT relating to Lokayukta: **702**

Lokayukta puts up details of reports pending action against errant officials

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Lokayukta, on its upgraded website, has put up details of reports in which the competent authority has failed to take action against erring public servants for more than four months.

The list contains reports pending since 2017, and also statistics on disposal of complaints, departmental inquiries, miscellaneous petitions and reports sent under Section 12(1), Section 12(3) and Section 12(4) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act.

Statistics, recommendations and inquiry reports sent to the competent authority under Rule 14-A (2)(d) of the Karnataka Civil Services Rules, in which the disciplinary authority has not taken action for more than four months and statistics and reports sent to the Governor under Section 12(5) of the Act too have been provided on the website.

It is for the first time that the corruption watchdog has hosted all relevant data to provide timely information to the public. On the website (https://lokayukta.kar.nic.in/), the procedure for filing complaints against government/public servants, downloading the complaint format in both Kannada and English, and online display board on departmental inquiries that enables parties and witnesses to appear before inquiry officers at appropriate time, have been provided.

The website also contains details of cases pending trial before special courts since 2006, in which chargesheets were filed by the Lokayukta police in both raid and trap cases.

The cases include those against former chief ministers, applications pending before the Karnataka Administrative Tribunal and writ petitions and appeals pending before Karnataka High Court. Details of suo motu cases registered by the Lokayukta and Upalokayuktas and orders passed in public interest cases too are provided.

'Young Health Programme' will protect youth against diseases

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

THE global initiative, 'Young Health Programme', of AstraZeneca, a science-led biopharmaceutical company, and Plan India, an NGO, was launched in Karnataka during a virtual event recently.

The decade-old programme which has successfully protected youngsters against Non communicable diseases (NCDs) in many countries and states like Delhi and Tamil Nadu will start in three areas of Bengaluru. Speaking to TNIE, AstraZeneca's Managing Director, Gagandeep Singh, said, "We are very excited to sign an MoU for this initiative on World Cancer Day. Cancer is one of the most common NCDs so, it gives me great pride to announce this expansion to Bangalore as one of our first target regions in the state on this World Cancer Day."

NCDs in India account for 62 percent of all deaths and 48 percent of preventable premature deaths. It is suggested that more than 2/3rd of premature deaths can be traced back to NCD risk factors like tobacco use, physical inactivity, or poor diet, that were first established in adolescence. YHP aims to reduce unhealthy behaviours in young people to improve their health outcomes as adults, and help address the growing burden of NCDs on health systems.

In Bengaluru, communities from Yelahanka, Dasarahalli and Mahadevpura have been chosen. Under the initiative, youngsters in the age group of 10-24 will be chosen for the work. Peer educators will be trained to deliver numerous health promotion activities including theme-based competition drawing, debates, quizzes, writing, sports, plays and storytelling etc.

YHP will also establish 'Health Information Centres' as it aims to reach 50,000 adolescents in the first year and build a strong foundation to scale up the project in the years to come. Dr Ravi Kumar, senior regional director, ministry of health and family welfare, was also present at the virtual launch of this event.

SAFETY MATTERS

With authorities planning to enforce strictly the ban on helmets that don't carry the ISI mark, motorists buy helmets in the city on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

B'luru varisty notification on supplementary exams

ENS @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU University announced that those failed in their undergraduate examinations from the 2016-17 batch are permitted to pay their examination fees. BU said supplementary examinations for correspondence courses and distance learning courses will be held with the March/April 2022 examinations. The university released two notifications regarding this recently. With regard to the notification on those retaking their examinations, BU encouraged students of the 2016-17 batch to visit the website for more details on fees. It recently extended the last date for fee payment to February 10. This applies to those who have completed their course without any break but have not completed their degrees as per the Bangalore University Choice Based Credit System regulations.

YOUNG ACHIEVER

With TT bat & ball, student sets new record

Eshwar N who set a Guinness record by running the fastest mile while controlling a table tennis ball with a racquet

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Tumakuru

AN engineering student of Tumakuru's Siddaganga Institute of Technology (SIT), Eshwar N, set a new Guinness World Record by running the fastest mile while controlling a table tennis ball with a racquet.

He set the record with the world's fastest time of 6 min16.53 seconds, breaking the earlier mark of 6 min 24.69 seconds set by Christian Roberto López Rodríguez's of Yuncos, Spain.

Eshwar, who is the fifth semester mechanical engineering student, has been playing table tennis for several years. His inspiration was Bengaluru's MS Ramaiah Institute alumni Susmith Rajendra Barigidad, who had achieved the Guinness World Record a couple of years ago. Eshwar and Susmith have won many tournaments conducted by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi.

> **I wanted to achieve something special and did with table tennis as the sport has struck a chord with me since childhood. I will now concentrate on the game to win the table tennis nationals**
> Eshwar N

But Eshwar stood apart in achieving the Guinness Record as he is forced to wear spectacles for his eyesight problem. He practised rigorously for hours for a year at the Tumakuru Badminton Academy to prepare himself to set the record.

"I wanted to achieve something special and did with table tennis as the sport has struck a chord with me since childhood. I will now concentrate on the game to win the table tennis nationals," Eshwar said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

07th February : Monday is the Moon's day. In fact, the first hour after sunrise on Monday is the Moon's hour. According to tradition, if you want to take any action to improve home and family affairs, this is the time to do it. That's not particularly convenient for late risers, though!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Please don't wait for others to give you the green light. The Sun is now mixing with a sector of your horoscope responsible for thought and communication, so it's time to get going. Prevarication no longer, for if you blow this week's opportunity, you might have a long wait until the chance comes around again.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There are significant lunar alignments coming up in a few days' time, an indication that the right moves this week could lead to a very profitable business association in the near future. Expect heartening news by the end of the week, and set your sights on your highest goals.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The Moon is now playing a deeply sociable role. If you need friends, allies and supporters later in the week, now is the time to do the spadework, convincing other people and partners that you are the face of the future! Just one problem though - the facts may be anything but clear.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Let's look at the long-term for a change: special planets together are urging you to make a renewed bid for freedom, re-establishing your personal independence in all the areas that count. Sheer enthusiasm takes you part of the way, but you'll have to put in the extra hours as well.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Professional schemes should now be underway. You still have a few weeks to discuss plans, cross the t's and dot the i's, but the foundations should now be laid. From this vantage point you should broaden your horizons and contemplate a more fulfilling existence.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Because this week's lunar patterns stimulate lively regions of your chart, your priority will be to be noticed. This is no time to hide behind a poor self-image or a mistaken notion that certain goals are beyond you. The future will be here sooner than you think!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Stick to the rules and conventional methods and you won't go far wrong. You see, whatever your feelings today, the week's planetary configurations run solidly in your favour, and there is little that can go wrong. The Moon, by the way, could help you clear up a mystery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Certain things need to be said and a few home truths delivered, especially now that Mercury is edging towards its confrontational relationship with Pluto. Clear the air now and you'll avert traumas in weeks to come. Not only that, but partners will thank you for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Don't expect instant results or demand that partners fit in with your plans. Imminent lunar patterns are bound to adjust your ideas, so whatever is decided now will be changed by the end of the week. That's why you'll do best to keep your options open and your diary free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Maximise the feel-good factor. It is clear from this week's stars that the potential is present for a radical boost in your physical well-being. Now is the time to take whatever appropriate action is called for. Rest and relaxation are required!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Powerful lunar movements overshadow your emotions this week. Therefore, don't just sit around day-dreaming about exotic places - do something about it. If family members are waiting to hear from you, don't delay. Get out there and let them know you care.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You have an unfortunate habit of being too self-critical. You may therefore imagine that you have offended people or embarrassed yourself when in fact your behaviour has either gone unnoticed – or, in some cases, it's actually been highly appreciated.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SU DO KU

Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

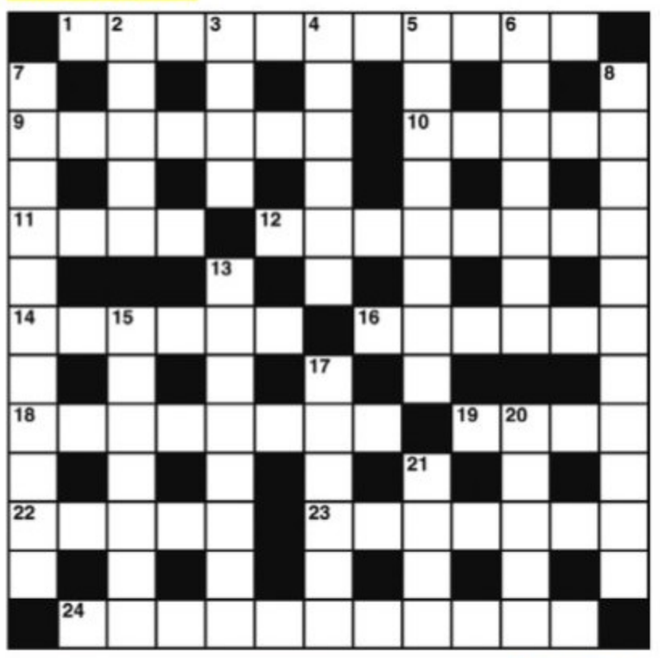
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

			5		6	9		4
1		2	7	4			5	
	6		2				3	
				5	4	8	7	6
7								3
8	3	6	9	7				
	5				7		8	
	1			9	5	3		7
6		9	8		2			

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

8	9	7	4	6	3	2	1	5
5	6	3	1	7	2	4	9	8
4	1	2	9	5	8	6	3	7
2	5	6	3	1	7	8	4	9
7	8	9	6	4	5	1	2	3
1	3	4	2	8	9	5	7	6
9	2	8	5	3	1	7	6	4
3	4	5	7	2	6	9	8	1
6	7	1	8	9	4	3	5	2

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 He takes stock (6,5)
9 Artist's impression (7)
10 Unusual Maori girl's name (5)
11 Some currency back in circulation (4)
12 Legislation that went against the grain (4,4)w
14 Dislike having to change a hotel (6)
16 Disturb the master flow (6)
18 Vessels that shoot over the waves (8)
19 Sound reflection (4)
22 Remove loose clothing (5)
23 The very best time for feathers (7)
24 Printers are kind to crossword compilers (11)

DOWN

2 Cared about appearing bent (5)
3 End of the story we hear (4)
4 As a hot drink it takes some beating (3,3)
5 The kindness of people (8)
6 Arab territory that makes me turn cross (7)
7 Got lineages from him? (11)
8 The price of freedom perhaps (6,5)
13 Choke - or another carburettor control (8)
15 Something to keep aunty in change (7)
17 Main way to fix printed sheets together (6)
20 Yet it provides academic standing (5)
21 It's only fair (4)

SATURDAY'S: SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Potent, 4 Thrown in, 9 Tea urn, 10 Advances, 12 Echo, 13 Stool, 14 Asia, 17 Construction, 20 High standing, 23 Reel, 24 Match, 25 Stet, 28 Enormity, 29 Ararat, 30 Set aside, 31 Edward.

Down: 1 Patience, 2 Teaching, 3 Nero, 5 Hydrostatics, 6 Oval, 7 Nicest, 8 Nassau, 11 Stouthearted, 15 Stair, 16 Pound, 18 Victoria, 19 Agitated, 21 Orders, 22 Report, 26 Amis, 27 Arid.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FINUT

NUHOD

GAIOHE

LAZTOE

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S: **Jumbles:** SILKY IGLOO MATTER SENTRY
ANSWER: With so many cases on the docket, the court system was experiencing – TRYING TIMES

Dharwad district health officials have taken an initiative of paying surprise visits to taluk-level hospitals, to assess problems and give patients a hassle-free service. The villagers say that such surprise visits are needed on a regular basis which will help the health department know the requirements and to make necessary changes.

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 334 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **8,425** | Yesterday: **12,009**

TALLY
Today: **38,96,158**
Yesterday: **38,87,733**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **47**	Today: **19,800**
Yesterday: **50**	Yesterday: **25,854**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **97,781**
Yesterday: **1,09,203**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **6.21%**	Today: **1.00%**
Yesterday: **6.21%**	Yesterday: **1.01%**

RECOVERY RATE Today: **96.47%** Yesterday: **96.17%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**3,822**
Bengaluru Rural	**92**
Bagalkot	81
Ballari	249
Belagavi	221
Bidar	75
Chamarajanagar	161
Chikkaballapur	100
Chikkamagaluru	87
Chitradurga	183
Dakshina Kannada	163
Davanagere	56
Dharwad	211
Gadag	50
Hassan	276
Haveri	88
Kalaburagi	195
Kodagu	219
Kolar	114
Koppal	99
Mandya	241
Mysuru	582
Raichur	34
Ramanagara	45
Shivamogga	183
Tumakuru	318
Udupi	175
Uttara Kannada	141
Vijayapura	135
Yadgir	29

3rd wave peaked on Jan 23, positivity rate declining

'Cases down, but people still need to be careful; Covid not ending soon'

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

GOING by the Covid-19 War Room data on day-wise positivity rate, the third wave peaked in Karnataka on January 23, 2022. This was when the highest rate was observed, at 32.95 per cent, after which the figures began declining consistently.

Agreeing that this was the peak, following which there was a plateauing of Covid-19 cases, Dr C N Manjunath, member of the Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee, said Karnataka is following the same trend as Delhi and Maharashtra, albeit with a gap of two to three weeks. "If we observe the trend in Europe and US, we can see a fourth and even fifth wave because the virus is known for mutations. The Omicron variant was less virulent than Delta, but we can't say this will be the last variant. The entire world has to be vaccinated and only then the mutations might end," said Dr Manjunath, who is also director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

He cited the example of only 15 per cent of African nations being vaccinated against Covid-19, and how this could provide scope for virus mutations to find hosts. It is, therefore, the responsibility of all countries to support vaccination in Africa, he said. There were two models that had projected the wave in Karnataka will peak either around January 24 or January 29, and the former has come true, especially in Bengaluru, said Dr Nagaraj.

"After the peak, cases have gradually decreased though testing rate remains the same. However, people still need to be careful and follow Covid appropriate behaviour. Covid-19 will not end but severity will be less, even if new variants show up. It will be similar to H1N1 which also saw variants but gradually declined," he said.

Tracing the day-wise positivity rate as per War Room data, there is a consistent increase from December 23, when the third wave began and figures increased from 0.28 per cent to 0.30 per cent. From January 16, dips and increases were reported, but from January 23 onwards, the positivity rate began reducing and touched single digits on February 4, at 9.04 per cent.

"On the clinical front, we have been lucky with Omicron not penetrating the lungs," pointed out Dr Manjunath, adding that people with comorbidities should, however, not ignore symptoms. "The order of the day is home isolation but those with comorbidities must have risk assessments," he added.

A health worker collects a swab sample in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

35 SUCCUMB TO COVID IN A WEEK IN MYSURU

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ALTHOUGH Covid cases have declined in Mysuru, a spike in fatalities has worried people in the district as 35 Covid deaths were reported in a week (February 1 to 6).

The daily case tally which was around 3,500 to 4,000 cases earlier has come down to less than a thousand cases, bringing some respite.

According to the district health bulletin, of the 35 who have succumbed to the virus, nearly half of them are above 75 years while a few below 40 years including a 12-year-old and a 35-year-old have succumbed to coronavirus. A person who died in a road accident due to head injury, tested positive and it was counted among Covid deaths.

While most of the deaths were attributed to refractory hypoxia, septic shock, Covid bronchopneumonia and severe Covid infection, nearly 80 percent of them had co-morbidities like hypertension, diabetes and chronic kidney or liver ailment.

"Though the Covid deaths have been high over the last one week, it is less than 1 percent. There have been more than 3,700 cases in a week of which 35 have succumbed to Covid and the fatality rate is nearly 0.8 percent. Meanwhile, a few who were unvaccinated were also in ICU and lack of vaccination and late admission to hospital contributed to the death of those with comorbidities," said a senior health official.

Active cases fall below 1-lakh mark

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TWENTY-nine days after the daily Covid-19 caseload crossed the 10,000-mark in Karnataka, the rapidly declining third wave of the pandemic saw daily cases fall below the mark again on Sunday. Also, the no. of active cases too fell below the 1-lakh mark.

Karnataka on Sunday reported 8,425 new cases, while the positivity rate, which had spiralled upwards each day January 11, on Sunday stood constant at 6.21 per cent.

Active cases, however, dropped from 1,09,203 on Saturday to 97,781 on Sunday with 19,800 patients getting out of the Covid-19's grip. The mortality rate dropped to 1 per cent, even as the day saw 47 fatalities.

The state's active caseload has been dropping by huge percentage margins since January 27.

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Sleuths of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Sunday arrested four associates of a notorious history sheeter, Kulla Rizwan, and seized lethal weapons. The police said that the accused were planning a robbery in Hanumantnagar late at night.A senior police officer said that a team raided an empty plot of land near an apartment complex and arrested the suspects, while one managed to escape. During interrogation, the accused revealed that they were associates of Kulla Rizwan, a notorious gangster from Bengaluru South. They reportedly wanted to rob passersby.

Harassed by in-law, man ends life

Upset over alleged harassment by his mother in-law, a 37-year-old security supervisor at a private company took his own life in Thyamagondlu near Nelamangala on Saturday.The deceased has been identified as Anand Kumar, a resident of Totanahalli, who had married Neelamma a few years ago. The couple have no children.A senior police officer said that the incident took place late at night, and Kumar allegedly hanged himself. The incident came to light when his brother-in-law Gangaraju found his body and alerted police. Kumar has left a suicide note, in which he has alleged that his mother in-law, Gangamma, was harassing him over property.

Indian scientists develop self-disinfecting, biodegradable masks

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TO bolster the battle against the highly-transmissible Omicron variant, a team of Indian scientists from Bengaluru, in collaboration with an industry partner, have developed a self-disinfecting 'Copper-based nanoparticle-coated Antiviral Face Mask'.

The mask, which is biodegradable, highly breathable and washable, is said to exhibit high performance against the Covid-19 virus as well as several other viral and bacterial infections.

The special mask was developed by scientists at the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), an autonomous R&D Centre of Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the government of India in collaboration with the Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CSIR-CCMB) and Resil Chemicals, a Bengaluru-based company under the DST-sponsored Nano-Mission project.

The commonly used masks only retain the viruses by filtering and fail to kill them.

An Information department release said "with no antiviral or antibacterial property, it is very difficult to control transmission by wearing the conventional mask, particularly in densely populated places like hospitals, airports, stations, shopping malls and so on, where the virus load is very high," the release stated.

To this end, ARCI developed copper-based nanoparticles of around 20 nanometres by a Flame Spray Pyrolysis (FSP) processing facility.

The coated fabric exhibited an efficacy of more than 99.9% against bacteria. CSIR-CCMB tested the efficacy of this fabric against SARS-CoV-2 for disinfection properties and reported 99.9% disinfection.

The masks are biodegradable and hence easily disposable.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL TAXES
Office of the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Vanijya Therige Karyalaya-1, 2nd Floor, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore-560009. Phone No.: 080-2220523.
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
1) Name of Work : Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender for the (04) works under KKRDB for indent No. 137084, 142773, 142893, 136922, 2) Estimate Cost : **Min Rs. 53.71 Lakhs Max Rs. 80.00 Lakhs** , 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class III. & above, 4) E M D Amount : Min Rs. 96000.00 Rs. Max Rs. 1.41 Lakhs, 5) Last date for queries : **18-02-2022 (17.30 Hrs),** 6) Last date for submission of bid : **19-02-2022 (16.00 Hrs),** 7) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **21-02-2022 (16.30 Hrs),** 8) Dae of opening of Financial Bid : **23-02-2022 (11.30 Hrs),** 9) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 10) Note : **GST Will be Paid Separately,** 11) website : www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in
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No. EO/UASR/TND- 141/2021-22 Date:- 03-02-2022.
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Item rate tender is invited on behalf of University of Agril. Sciences Raichur, as per KPWD standard document (KW-I) under single cover system from registered contractors of K.P.W.D. / C.P.W.D. for the Civil and Electrical works at Main Campus, and Other Stations, through e-procurement platform. The details of the notification, schedule of events, and specifications can be had by visiting the link https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in there by registering with e-procurement platform.
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For more details, please contact the office of the under signed during office hours (Ph. No. 08532 – 220640) and visit the link https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for detailed tender notification. Also contact helpdesk number: 080 – 25501216 & 080 - 25501227.
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The Executive Engineer, Panchayt Raj Engineering Division, Yadgir here by invites separate (KW-4 Two Cover) Technical & Financial Bid Tender on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor Karnataka from the eligible civil contractor for works approved Under 5054 CM Special Grant FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 details as below.
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Note: - Pre Bid Meeting Date 10-02-2022 at Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Office, Station Road, Yadgir.
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3	Online Tender No. E789/CGY/DTL//TNMSC/ ENGG/2022, Dt: 04.02.2022 – Gas Chromatography (1) High Performance Liquid Chromatograph (8) – Rs. 5,725/-	08.02.2022 to 07.03.2022	22.02.2022 11.00 AM	08.03.2022 11.00 AM	08.03.2022 12.00 Noon
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5	Online Tender No. E791/NGS/DME-RGGGH/TNMSC/ ENGG/2022, Dt: 04.02.2022 – Next Generation Sequencer (1)– Rs. 5,725/-	09.02.2022 to 23.02.2022	17.02.2022 11.00 AM	24.02.2022 11.00 AM	24.02.2022 12.00 Noon
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		4	Rs. 3,22,011.23 / Rs. 8,100/-		
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CM's political secretary MP Renukacharya on Sunday said that the State Government should book Congress MLAs Zameer Ahmed Khan, U T Khader and Tanveer Sait under various acts pertaining to anti-national activities and put them behind bars for instigating students to protest in the ongoing hijab controversy

New policy to boost semiconductor industry

Details being finalised; sector has potential to generate 1 lakh jobs, says Industries Minister Nirani

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TO provide the best ecosystem and incentives to semiconductor companies, the State Government is coming up with a new semiconductor policy, aiming to benefit from the Union Government's policy with a budgetary support of Rs 76,000 crore for the sector.

The Centre has been talking to the states on providing the best possible incentive and ecosystem support to the participating firms, besides the incentive to be given by the state will be over and above that from the Centre.

"We have identified 250 acres of land in Bengaluru, Mysuru and Dharwad for fabrication units and the entire ecosystem. The policy will clearly state that the unit will be located in any of the three locations," sources privy to the developments told TNIE.

"Bengaluru has over 200 design companies, best of research organisations and talent is available in the state capital. We are also looking at assembly, testing, marking and packing (ATMP), which is a

big component of the semiconductor industry and also design-linked incentives. We are looking at the entire ecosystem," they said.

The details of the policy like capital subsidy and other incentives to be given to the firms are being finalised.

Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani confirmed that the draft of the new policy is being prepared and it will be announced soon. The semiconductor sector alone has the potential to generate employment for around 1 lakh people, he told TNIE. "We want to take it up in a big way as there is a lot of demand for semiconductor manufacturing," he said, adding that the industry is keen on having the facility in Bengaluru, while the government is also suggesting some of the Tier II cities. The government, however, will decide depending on the industry's demand.

The government is trying to attract investment in emerging cities that have airports as that will help decongest Bengaluru and develop facilities and generate employment in other places. Operational costs for the firms too will be much less in those cities as compared to Bengaluru. Nirani said the government is putting in place a system to ensure coordination between the investors and the departments by appointing nodal officers to regularly interact with them.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Cut to size: HC stymies BJP celebrations

The ruling BJP was supremely confident of its candidates being elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Kalaburagi, that too for the first time. Party workers were ready for celebrations, with king-size cutouts of their leaders, including former DyCM and MLC Laxman Savadi, whose name was on the voters' list. However, their calculations went woefully wrong after the Kalaburagi HC Bench allowed a petition by the Congress and told the authorities to conduct elections as per the previous voter list (which did not contain the names of five BJP MLCs), within a month. For the next couple of hours, the workers hastily removed the cutouts to save their leaders further embarrassment. For the people of Kalaburagi, though, the now-here, now-gone cutouts were a puzzle.

If truth be told... divine test on Saturday

Remember the 'Aane Pramaana' episode involving former CMs B S Yediyurappa and H D Kumaraswamy, back on June 27, 2011? The politicians were engaged in a verbal duel, following Kumaraswamy's allegation of corruption against Yediyurappa. Both were ready for a truth test before the deity at Dharmasthala, which finally did not take place. Now, another political duo -- former minister and BJP Sagar MLA Haratalu Halappa and former Congress Sagar MLA Beluru Gopalakrishna -- are ready for the test, the issue being 'commission dhande'. Beluru accused Halappa of taking commission from sand lorry owners in Sagar and Hosanagara taluks, and dared him for a truth test at Dharmasthala. Halappa paid Beluru in like coin, challenging him to say he did not take commission when he was MLA. The truth date is fixed for February 12. Will the truth be out, or will politics prevail?

Insiders and outsiders in the BJP

Karwar-Ankola MLA Rupali Naik was pulled into an embarrassing situation by party colleague and Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar. During an interaction, journalists asked Hebbar about the insider-outsider gap in the district unit of the party. In an attempt to defend himself, he said, "There is no such divide among us. In a way, we have all come from different parties. Even Rupali is from another party," he said. The MLA, taken aback, immediately cleared the air, "I did not come from the Congress, I joined BJP long ago." It may be recalled that Hebbar had jumped to the BJP along with Ramesh Jarkiholi.

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Not in uniform? You can't enter classes, Nagesh tells students

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PRIMARY Education Minister BC Nagesh on Sunday said that those students who do not wear uniforms as prescribed by the State Government or their respective school or college managements will not be allowed to enter their educational institutions and attend classes.

Speaking to the media here, Nagesh also gave a stern warning to educational institutions saying that they should follow the government directives in this regard and those violating the rules will be punished.

Reiterating that the State Government has no intention of denying education to students, he said the uniform rules have been framed to instill the idea of equality and unity among students.

Hitting out at Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi for his recent remarks on the dress code controversy, Nagesh said, "He lack knowledge. Many countries, including France, have banned the hijab."

'Don't politicise matter'

Urging political parties not to politicise the issue, Nagesh reminded the Congress that the present government was just enforcing the 2018 uniform rules introduced by the then chief minister and present Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah.

"Everyone knows about the Congress' concern towards education of Muslim girls for the last six decades. They were silent on the triple talaq issue too," he said, accusing that the Muslim students in Udupi district were instigated by vested interest forces.

State Beary academy chief gets threat call

MANGALURU: Karnataka Beary Sahitya Academy president Rahim Uchil has approached Mangaluru police after he alleged that he had received a threat call from a miscreant for supporting the State Government on the hijab row. Rahim, who is also a BJP minority wing leader, had opposed wearing of the hijab by students inside classrooms, in a private TV programme. He had urged the students to follow rules of the college. Later, after holding a meeting with the protesting students, he had opposed wearing of the hijab inside classrooms. "Hijab is a tradition of Muslims and I am not against girls wearing it. But the college administration has not given permission," he had told the media after meeting students along with MLA Raghupati Bhat.

Protect rights of students, govt, HC urged

BENGALURU: Amidst the growing hijab controversy, the Karnataka branch of the CPI-ML (Liberation) has said that refusing Muslim girls the right to education is equivalent to forcing them to wear hijabs and urged the State Government and the Karnataka High Court to intervene to protect their rights. CPI-ML (Liberation) leaders said that thwarting the right to education on the basis of wearing the hijab is just as patriarchal as the act of forcing women to wear it, alluding to arguments by some that the girls were forced to wear them. Regardless of the essentiality of wearing a hijab, banning the practise outright would violate the Constitutional rights of privacy and bodily integrity of the girls, the party said.

Bommai likely to discuss budget, cabinet with leaders in Delhi

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CLOSE on the heels of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presenting the Union Budget, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is all set to call on her as part of his New Delhi visit on Monday.

I will also meet the legal counsel representing the state in inter-state water disputes

Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Bommai revealed that he had sought an appointment with the party top brass and is likely to discuss expansion of his cabinet. Well ahead of his visit, some aspirants had already visited New Delhi and met central leaders to lobby for berths.

He intends to discuss his maiden budget, which he is slated to be presented in the first week of March, and the financial situation including the state's GST compensation, among other issues. "I will also meet the legal counsel representing the state in inter-state water disputes. A few important decisions will be taken on future course of action. I have sought an appointment with the Finance Minister," Bommai told reporters here on Sunday.

The meeting acquires significance in the wake of Sitharaman's budget giving the green signal for the river-linking project. Bommai may also seek the Centre's support for implementation of the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project, say political analysts.

He is also likely to thank the Centre for allocating more funds for railway projects in Karnataka, and increase in the outlay of financial assistance to states.

Meanwhile, Primary Education Minister Nagesh said that the issue of Cabinet expansioon was being discussed only in the media and not in the BJP or the government. Speaking to the media in Mysuru, he said that Bommai and the party high command will take a decision on it. He said Bommai has left for New Delhi to meet Union Ministers, state MPs and party leaders ahead of the state budget. "It is a convention to meet state MPs and Union Ministers ahead of the state budget. There is no need to give Bommai's visit to Delhi a different colour," Nagesh added.

A girl shows off her karate skills to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

State govt to induct more NCC cadets

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"GOOD programmes aimed at protection of girls in boarding schools have been launched. All these programmes will be integrated and held throughout the year," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai explained.

The programme, named after Onake Obavva, pays homage to a woman warrior who killed intruders of the then Hyder Ali army at Madakarinayakana Kote fort in Chitradurga. Karnataka is proud of its legacy of such courageous women, including Kittur Rani Chennamma, Belavadi Mallamma among others, he said.

Meanwhile, the state government will induct 7,500 more NCC cadets annually with an allocation of Rs 1,200 per cadet and 75 more NCC units would be started in schools and colleges. NCC cadet strength in the state will be increased to over 50,000 by 2023. A special programme is being formulated to impart self-defence training on par with military training for NCC girl cadets, the chief minister said.

Lata Mangeshkar will remain in our hearts: CM

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai has expressed his grief at the demise of legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar.

In his condolence message, Bommai said Lata Mangeshkar enriched the world of music beyond the limits of time. Her rendition of 'Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon' is as immortal as the Himalayas, he added.

"Karnataka joins the rest of the nation in mourning an institution called Lataji whose voice has been rendered immortal with her countless matchless melodies. I spoke to Usha Mangeshkar ji. I expressed heartfelt condolences on the demise of her sister and India's greatest musical legend #LataDidi," the CM tweeted. Speaking to the media, Bommai said she has rendered Kannada songs too and she has a Kannada connect. "Her songs are immensely popular. Her death has plunged us in sorrow. It is sad that the 'Nightingale of India' has stopped singing. I and our generation grew up listening to her songs," he recalled. "Lata Mangeshkar will remain in our hearts as long as there is music and singing in this world. She will live on eternally," he said.

People pay tributes to legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar in Bengaluru on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Bommai also spoke to Lata Mangeshkar's sister and singer Asha Bhosle. Bommai consoled Asha and said the death of the 'Nightingale of India' is an immense loss for the world of music.

Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri and many senior leaders from Karnataka joined Bommai to condole the demise of the legendary singer.

State mourning

Karnataka government has announced state mourning of two days as a mark of respect for Lata Mangeshkar. There would be no public recreational programmes and the National Flag will fly half-mast.

AIMIM state chief held 3 weeks after plaint

ENS @ Bagalkot

AFTER three weeks of a complaint over objectionable statements, the Ilkal Town police arrested All-India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) state president Usmangani Humanabad late on Saturday night. Hindu Jagarana Vedike (HJV) members had filed the complaint against Usmangani for making statements against Hindu mothers and practices at a private function at Ilkal on January 14.

On a tipoff, the police nabbed him from an undisclosed location. "Usmangani, however, has already managed to get an anticipatory bail in this case," sources said.

SP Lokesh Jagalasar said, "Usmangani was produced before the tahsildar and sent to judicial custody till February 9. Though he has got bail, we have taken him into custody under Section 10 of CrPC. If he is released immediately there are high chances of him provoking a section of people."

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Lokesh Jagalasar, SP

A NEW START

She escaped Devadasi system, now doing Ph.D on how to end social alienation

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

"WHEN I was hardly 10 years old, I would notice people standing around our house. In our house, there were a few Devadasis, including mother and aunt, and men would visit them often. There was a noisy atmosphere in and around our house, but I just focused on studying. When I was studying in Class 10 and they decided to make me a Devadasi, youths from the upper caste started roaming around our house. But I revolted and came out of it. That was just the beginning," says Manjula Telagade (35) who is doing her Ph.D on social inclusion of Devadasi youth.

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Hails from remote village

Hailing from a remote village in Mudhol taluk of Bagalkote district in North Karnataka, Manjula grew up amid the Devadasi system. There were around 60 houses in her village, and almost every house had one or two Devadasis, like her own house.

She was admitted to school and when she was in Class 4, she attended tuitions by local youths.

"Not tuitions to be precise, they would talk about Ambedkar, Swami Vivekananda, Indian Constitution, and fundamental rights that ignited my little mind. I learnt that if we study, we can come out of this system. I had seen atrocities, society shaming and even untouchability," she said.

In Class 10, Manjula was forced to become a Devadasi. "But I resisted, when they did not oblige, I threatened to commit suicide, that's when they got scared. I still remember, my grandmother said we will allow you to study, you should make it and take care of your mother," she said. Manjula started working part-time at a private hospital.

"I did all the work, I was a receptionist and helped doctors and nurses. They paid me Rs 500 per month. I used to spend it on my education and even help my mother," she recalled. She finished her BA in Mudhol and started taking tuitions for children, and an NGO helped her study Masters in Social Work at Udupi. She is now doing her Ph.D.

When they go to government offices for these benefits, they are treated badly. Volunteers working with them were given Rs 2,500 per month, but the government stopped it, saying there is no Devadasi system now. In reality, it still exists. The girls were sent to brothels in Mumbai and Pune

Manjula Telagade

In high school, Manjula could not take part in sports or cultural events. "For one sports event, they asked me to fill up a form where I had to write my father's name, which I don't know. When in Bengaluru for my visa to Germany, officials asked me about my father, and taunted that children of Devadasis have many fathers. I have seen many of my villagers quit jobs or studies for this reason, there should be some way to deal with forms," she said.

In the name of empowering Devadasis, former Devadasis and their children, the State government has many schemes, but there is no awareness. "Monthly pension comes to them once in three or six months, what should they do?" she questioned.

"When they go to government offices for these benefits, they are treated badly. Volunteers working with them were given Rs 2,500 per month, but the government stopped it, saying there is no Devadasi system now. In reality, it still exists. The girls were sent to brothels in Mumbai and Pune. They return with either a child in her hands or some disease, but no one talks about it," she said. Manjula married her colleague who worked in the NGO, and her husband is encouraging her in her dream to study.

"If the government educates Devadasis' children for the next ten years, the system can end," she added.

Six persons, including four minors, were arrested in connection with the murder of a Tasmac employee in Purasadaiudaipu near Kalaiyarkovil, Tamil Nadu. The deceased, C Shanmugam (35) of Aliyathirupu village, was found dead with cut injuries on Friday at Maravamangalam-Kalayarkoil Road

Stalin blames AIADMK for accepting NEET

CM says his govt would pass legislation exempting state from exam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Coimbatore

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Sunday hit out against the previous AIADMK government for accepting NEET, and alleging that the Opposition party was responsible for the current state of affairs.

Kick-starting his campaign for the urban local body polls in Coimbatore through video-conferencing, Stalin asked why the AIADMK government had accepted the medical entrance test despite their late leader and former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa having opposed its implementation in the State. Stalin accused the previous government of having failed to enact a Bill exempting the State from NEET.

He assured that his government would pass a legislation doing so and sent it to the Governor on February 8.

"NEET should not be seen as normal. It should be viewed after removing one's mask. There is no necessity for the DMK to play politics on NEET," he said. The CM said the DMK will oppose not only NEET, but anything done by the Union government that is against the State's interests.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin holds a live video conference, launching the DMK's poll campaign for local body elections, in Coimbatore on Sunday | U RAKESH KUMAR

Claiming that his government had fulfilled 75 per cent of the promises made in its poll manifesto over the past year, the CM said "We are facing the urban local body polls with the slogan Ullachiyil Thodarattum Nam Aatchi (let our governance continue at local bodies too)."

"If a government fulfils its assurances in its five-year term, it will be a good government. Can the AIADMK say anything about what it accomplished in its 10-year tenure?" he asked.

"This is not Stalin's government. It's yours (people)," he said, adding that after the local body polls, road and flyover works will be completed.

He said the supply of drinking water in local bodies will be done in a transparent manner. He recalled farmer leader Narayanaswamy Naidu's service to the agriculture community, and the DMK's role in implementing schemes based on his demands.

The Chief Minister's speech was telecast at 300 places in Coimbatore.

IN THE RECKONING

Actor and Makkal Needhi Maiam founder Kamal Haasan kickstarts his election campaign for the upcoming local body polls at Visalakshi Thottam, Mylapore, in Chennai on Sunday | R SATISH BABU

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his wife Kamala Vijayan arrive in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday morning after a visit to the US and Dubai recently | EXPRESS

Pinarayi meets Governor, requests assent to ordinance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

KERALA Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who returned to his state after a two-week-long treatment in the US and an official visit to the UAE, met Governor Arif Mohammed Khan at the Raj Bhavan here on Sunday.

The Chief Minister reportedly explained to the Governor the circumstances that prompted the government to come up with an ordinance to amend a provision in the Lok Ayukta Act. The Chief Minister and the Governor were meeting each other for the first time after the latter offered to quit the role of Chancellor to protest the government's alleged meddling in university affairs.

According to sources, Pinarayi informed Khan that the government had proposed an amendment to Section 14 of the Kerala Lok Ayukta Act, 1999, through an ordinance as the provision was 'Constitutionally untenable'.

Pinarayi reportedly told the Governor that the government has received legal opinion that it could go ahead with the amendment and sought his assent to the ordinance. Section 14 of the Act empowers the Lok Ayukta to remove a corrupt public official from office and deter him or her from holding the post again.

The government had earlier written to the Governor after the Opposition raised objections to the ordinance. The Oppositon had urged the Governor not to sign the ordinance that would weaken the Lok Ayukta. Khan on his part chose to defer his decision on signing the ordinance till the CM returned from abroad.

According to sources, the reappointment of Kannur University Vice Chancellor also figured in the discussions that lasted for more than an hour. Pinarayi reiterated his stance that the government has no intention to intervene in the affairs of universities.

WOMAN, 4 CHILDREN FOUND MURDERED NEAR KRS DAM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru/Mandya

IN a shocker, a woman and four children were found murdered at KRS village in Mandya district just a few kilometres away from the KRS dam, on Sunday.

Lakshmi (32), her children Raj (12), Komal (7) and Kunal (4), and Govinda (8), the son of a relative, were lying in a pool of blood at a house on Bazar Lane of the village. The neighbours knocked on the door of the house around 8.30 am as no one had come out. "Lakshmi is normally up by 5 am and children come out to play every morning. As we didn't find any of them, a neighbour tried to check on them and found them murdered," a neighbour said.

Laskhmi's husband Gangaram, who trades in garment and plastic items, was not at home at the time of the incident. He normally goes out of the state to source goods, villagers said.

The police arrived with the dog squad, forensic and fingerprint experts to screen the spot. IGP (Southern Range) Pravin Madhukar Pawar, Mandya SP N Yatish, DySP SN Sandesh Kumar and others camped at the village to get more details.

A police source said that they suspect the case to be murders for gain as gold ornaments and jewellery are missing from the almirah.

A dog squad and police officials gather evidence near the house where the five members of a family were found murdered in KRS village on Sunday | EXPRESS

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>
> A neighbour of the deceased

Noted classical singer Pt Hota passes away

ENS @ Bhubaneswar

EMINENT classical singer **Pandit Damodar Hota** passed away on Sunday. He was 87.

Expressing deep grief at the passing away of Pandit Hota, CM Naveen Patnaik announced that the mortal remains will be cremated with state honours. His contribution to Indian classical music will be ever remembered by posterity, the CM said, conveying condolences to the bereaved family.

A giant in the world of Hindustani and Odissi classical music, Hota was born on December 25, 1935, in Puri. His research on Odissi music in the 1960s was groundbreaking.

He was awarded junior and senior fellowship for his research by the Culture Ministry.

Cops looking at angle of 'rude behaviour'

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AS Sumitha and her cousins refused to file a formal case, the Koramangala police took a complaint from another customer who was present at the pub at the time of the alleged incident. The police booked Mehrotra for assault, wrongful restraint, criminal intimidation, and arrested him.

"The DJ admitted that he assaulted one of the customers for hurling filthy abuses at him. He also showed us videos of him singing and playing Kannada songs and claimed language had nothing to do with the incident. He told us that it was the rude behaviour that prompted him to assault the customer," an officer said.

INDIGENISATION OF DEFENCE WARE TAKES OFF IN COIMBATORE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Coimbatore

INDIGENISATION of Defence procurement got a shot in the arm with Codissia Defence Innovation and Atal Incubation Centre (CDIIC) of Coimbatore signing Rs.143 crore worth of MOUs with various defence public sector undertakings (DPSU) to produce 124 products.

"Codissia Defence Innovation Hub today finalized 124 products worth Rs.143.42 crore for indigenisation with Defence PSUs," Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar tweeted on Saturday.

CDIIC is the first Defence Innovation Hub to be set up in India, following the announcement of the Defence Innovation Organisation set up under iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence).

It was formally inaugurated on October 28, 2020, by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar. CDIIC is also one of the Atal Incubation Centres established under the Atal Innovation Mission. CDIIC will be signing the MoUs with various DPSUs like Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL, Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, and Opo-Electronic Factory (OLF).

CDIIC's director M V Ramesh Babu said the total value of products to be indigenised at the CDIIC-Defence Innovation Hub (DIH) over the next two to three years will be Rs.143 crore. The MOUs will benefit Coimbatore MSMEs and regional industries and help them transform into defence vendors, Babu said.

Ramesh added, "The CDIIC is a Section 8, not-for-profit company intending to bridge the gap between Defence forces and skilled vendors of Coimbatore region. It is also aimed at supporting startups and entrepreneurs through the Atal Incubation Centre (AIC)."

The vision of CDIIC is to ensure that at least 32 startups graduated from the incubation centre over a period of five years to develop Coimbatore into a leading Defence manufacturing hub within the next 10 years, and become import substitution partners of Defence forces, Ramesh said.

CDIIC founded by the Coimbatore District Small Industries Association (CODISSIA) will create a common development facility with the help of Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) that will provide necessary facilities for product development and manufacturing, Ramesh added.

SAVE THE TIGER

Roads through BRT Reserve could be closed for traffic at night

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING directions recently issued by the Madras High Court on closure of the Bengaluru-Coimbatore NH-958 at night, two roads passing through BRT Tiger Reserve are also likely to be closed.

The road connecting Bengaluru to Coimbatore passes through prime tiger reserve, and if the court orders are to be implemented in toto, it needs to be carried out on the Karnataka side too, a senior forest official said. "We are keen that roads through tiger reserves are closed at night. If the national highway passing through Sathyamangalam is closed, traffic will pile up at the gate on the Karnataka border, so the road this side should also be closed. The request will be sent to the state government for implementation," the official added.

In Karnataka, NH-209 passes through two stretches of BRT via Punajanur, along 19km. If the Polipalya route is taken, it is 15km. Officials pointed out that the NHAI had applied for clearance from the forest department in 2021, seeking permission to undertake widening of NH-209 from the existing two-lane to four-lane, and is awaiting orders. "We were not keen to clear the file as we feel it is not required. If the road is to be closed as per the Madras HC, then the file stands cancelled," the official said.

Night traffic is banned through Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, and the Kudlu-Ooty and Mysuru-Mananthwadi roads are closed. After BRT Tiger Reserve, the next that could be closed is Agumbe forest road.

"Closing of roads through national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is not new. It started in 2010 when then PM Manmohan Singh directed the NHAI and forest departments to find alternatives. In 2014, PM Narendra Modi issued a policy decision that no new roads will pass through national parks and wildlife sanctuaries," an expert working with the government explained.

Crypto trader kidnap: Prime accused arrested

ENS @ Belagavi

THE Belagavi police arrested the three prime accused in connection with the kidnapping of cryptocurrency trader Ravikiran Bhat, said Belagavi City Police Commissioner Dr Boralingayya.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, the Commissioner said, "Ravikiran Bhat had lodged a complaint with th APMC police station in Belagavi, claiming that he was kidnapped, harassed and subjected to torture for money. Acting on the complaint, the police had initially arrested eight suspects and interrogated them. The other three prime accused in this case, who went underground, have now been arrested. Police are still on the lookout for another accused Yunis Khaji, a native of Belagavi. With this, the total number of accused in this case now has risen to 11. Shahanwaj, Chaman Shaikh, and Ajju Chaman Shaikh of Sangli have now been arrested. These suspects, who kidnapped Bhat, had demanded a ransom of Rs 3 crore from his family."

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The Original Release Deed dated 03/09/2014 executed by Sri.B.Bhaskar in favour of Smt.Indiramma (Registered as Document No.1739/2014-15,Book-I,Stored in CD No.MLSD89 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Malleswaram, Bengaluru) in respect of Property bearing Flat No. HIG 476, situated at Rajamahal Vilas 2nd Stage,35thBlock, Bangalore, more fully described in the Schedule written here under which was in her custody, has been lost while travelling at Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru,on 24/01/2022.

The Public are hereby informed to desist from dealing with any person in possession of the above Release Deed and any person dealing with the person other than our client in respect of the aforesaid Property would be doing so at his own risks and costs.

By this Public Notice, the finder of the afore said Release Deed, May kindly contact the under signed at the address stated herein above.

Any person(s) who has/have claim(s) on the Schedule Property may lodge such claim with the undersigned within 07 days from the date of this notice. If no such claim(s) or objections received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue Certificate of Clearance, that there is no Objections or Claim(s) on the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE.

All that, Property bearing Flat No.HIG 476, situated at Rajamahal Vilas 2nd Stage, 35th Block, Bangalore measuring East to West: 18.40 Mtrs and North to South: 16.70 Mtrs in all 307.28 Sq. Mtrs and Bounded as follows:

East : By 5th Main Road,
West : By Site No.488,
North : By Site No.477,
South : By Site No.475.

Place: Bengaluru,
Date : 07/02/ 2022.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule-8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas,the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India,** 83, 17th D Main, 6th Cross, Koramangala, Bangalore, Karnataka-560095 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 15.04.2021 calling upon the borrower **Shri Vijay Kumar Nagaraj and Smt Swetha N,** R/o 84, 4th Cross Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Fraser Town, Bangalore-560005, Karnataka to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 66,03,688/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Eight only)** (Total dues as on 31.03.2021) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **3rd day of the February year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Union Bank of India** for an amount **Rs.69,25,734/-(Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four only)** (Total Dues as on 18.12.2021) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section13 of the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property:

All that part of the property consisting of Flat. No. 008, Ground Floor, Unit-1-CEDAR, **Block- A,** B M MAGNOLIA PARK, present BBMP Khatha No 1054/46 situated at Hagadur Village K R Puram Hobli Bangalore east Taluq,measuring 1265 sq feet in survey No. 30/2,30/6,42/2,42/8,42/1,43,42/3 and 42/4 Bounded :On the North by: Nagondanahalli village boundary and remaining land in Sy no 42/1,On the South by: Land in sy no 30/3,30/7,42/4 and remaining land in Sy no 42/6 & 42/7,On the East by,: Remaining land in Sy no 42/8 and 43 & road, On the West by: Remaining land in survey no 30/6 and land in Sy no 19 and 30/1.

Date:03.02.2022, Place:Bangalore
Sd/-Chief Manager & Authorized Officer Union Bank of India

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APPENDIX- IV-A" [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/ constructive/ Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **09.03.2022,** for recovery of **Rs.28,23,133/- (Rupees Twenty Eight lakhs Twenty Three Thousand One hundred Thirty Three only) (as on 10.10.2021)** and interest thereon due to the **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **Daniel A** & **Mrs.Poondi Mary,** No.6, BairathiVillage, Off Hennur Road, Kothanru Post, Bidarahalli, Banalore-560077

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

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Encumbrances on property: NIL	Reserve Price: Rs.65,00,000/-
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Date: 04.02.2022
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DEMAND NOTICE

(Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 with Rule (3) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002).

Whereas, at the request of you, the below mentioned person(s), have been granted various credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of property(ies) mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, your accounts have been classified as **Non-Performing Assets** as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the **Demand Notice** that were sent by Regd. Post calling upon to discharge the debt due to the Bank were returned by the Postal Department, this notice is issued.

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant / Co-Applicant/ Guarantors / Ac.No.	Liability in Rs.
1	**1) Mr. Hosakote Munivenkataramana Harish,** Flat T1A, Dega Enclave, 33836, St. Pet Layout, Koramangala, 4th Block, Bangalore-560034. **Also at:** 977, Kritan Urbane Living, 4th Cross, 8th Road, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. **2) Mrs. Vijaya Reddy,** Flat T1A, Dega Enclave, 33836, St. Pet Layout, Koramangala, 4th Block, Bangalore-560034. **Also at:** 977, Kritan Urbane Living, 4th Cross, 8th Road, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. **3) M/s Kritan Urban Living,** 977, 4th Cross, 8th Road, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. **Also at: 1) V3 Hospitality Services,** "Kritan Helia", Sy.No.171/4, Next to MVJ Medical College, Old Madras Road, Dandupalya, Hobli, Bangalore Rural-562114 **(Lease Agreement). 2) Mrs. KM Nagasundramani,** #935, 6th Cross, 2nd Block, BSK 1st Stage, Banashankari, Bangalore-560050 **(Rent Agreement). NPA Date: 30.11.2020; Demand Notice Date: 01.12.2021; A/C Nos: PCR000901779249, LTR000903173137, 919030045627385 & 919030045628883;**	**Rs.9,01,71,464.00** (Rupees Nine Crore One Lakh Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Four Only) being the amount due **as on 30.11.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): Description of the Immovable Property Mortgaged with the Loan Account No's PCR000901779249 and LTR000903173137: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing portion Converted Sy.171/4 (Converted from agricultural use to non-agricultural commercial purpose vid conversion order No.ALN(H) SR8/2008-09 dated 20.09.2008), Hoskote City Municipal Khata No.11737/171/4 situated at Dandupalya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskete Hobli, Bangalore Rural District, measuring having carpet area 6000 Sq.ft (Consisting of Ground floor, First Floor and Second Floor) out of 18 guntas of the commercial building being bare shell without any fittings or fixtures in the building with sufficient parking Space and **bounded by for entire property: East by:** Property of Muddanna, **West by:** property of Muninagappa, **North by:** Kolar Road, **South by:** Property of Marappa. **Description of the Immovable Property Mortgaged with the Loan Account No's 919030045628883 - Schedule-A:** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.33 and 36, presently BBMP Khata No.12, ward no.68, situated at 3rd Main, Shinivagilu Extension, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: on Northern Side: 68 Feet and Southern Side: 66 and North to South 80 Feet, totally measuring 5360 square feet and **bounded on: East by:** Private Property bearing No.34 and 35, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private property bearing Site no.37. **Schedule-B:** 670 square feet undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in the schedule "A" above i.e proportionate to the super built up area. **Schedule-C:** Flat bearing No.T-2(T1-A), in Third Floor, measuring 2596 Square Feet Super Built up area, consisting three Bed Rooms, with one Stand room, with RCC roofing, Italian Marble Wooden laminated Flooring, teak Wood Windows and Shutter- Teak Flush Door, together with Two Covered Car parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase and lift, with access to the terrace for maintenance of Lift and water tank in the multistoried Apartment building constructed over the Schedule "A" property known as **"DEGA BRINDAVAN"** (presently Known as "DEGA ENCALVE"). **Description of the Immovable Property Mortgaged with the Loan Account No's 919030045627385 PROPERTY-1:** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No.935/15, Municipal No.935, 6th Cross, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 62 ft and **bounded by: East by:** Site No.934, **West by:** Site No.936, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.	
2	**1) Mrs. Swapna R**, No.206, 2nd Floor, B Block, Jnanabharathi Enclave, Valagerahalli, Mylasandra, Bangalore-560059. **2) Mrs. Asha R,** #159/60, Nethravathi Street, 1st Cross, Udayanagar, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore-560016. **A/C No: PHR056103785018; NPA Date: 05.12.2020; Demand Notice Date: 11.12.2021;**	**Rs.20,77,631.00** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty One Only) being the amount due **as on 10.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing no.206, SF, B1-Block, Saraswathi Tower, BDA Apartments, Valgerahalli, 4th Stage, Bangalore formed by the BDA at property bearing No.72, 1st Block, Gnanabharathi Enclave, Valagerahalli 4th Stage, together with 6162/154=40.01 sq.mtrs. of undivided share in land and having 65.48 sq.mtrs. of built up area and **bounded on the: East:** No.207, **West:** No.211, **North:** No.205, **South:** Pathway.	
3	**1) Mr. Umesh Venkatgiriyya,** #170, Ground Floor, Banashankari 6th Stage, 11th Block, Srinivaspura, Near MN Road, Bangalore-560085. **Also at:** #1, Danayakanapura, Kutgal, Ramanagar, Near Bus Stop, Ramanagar-562159. **2) Mrs. Latha,** #170, Ground Floor, Banashankari 6th Stage, 11th Block, Srinivaspura, Near MN Road, Bangalore-560085. **Also at:** #1, Danayakanapura, Kutgal, Ramanagar, Near Bus Stop, Ramanagar-562159. **A/C No: PHR000903272270; NPA Date: 09.06.2021; Demand Notice Date: 10.12.2021;**	**Rs.5,06,118.00** (Rupees Five Lakhs Six Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Only) being the amount due **as on 09.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.33C, Khatha No.592/1757/1348, situated at No.77, 5th Main Road, Block-1, Ijjuru Hills Tapalu, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District and **bounded on the: East:** 30 feet widened road, **West:** Site No.18C, **North:** Site No.40C, **South:** Site No.32C. Measuring East to West 9.144018 mtrs or 30 feet and North to South 7.620015 mtrs or 25 ft in totally measuring 750 sq.ft.	
4	**1) Sri Bilva Agency**, Shop No.1530, Anikethana Road, Kovempunagara, Mysore-570023. **2) Mr. Yadurappa,** #228, 2nd A Main, 9th Block, UHBUS Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd stage, Bangalore-560072. **3) Mrs. Hemalatha,** #228, 2nd A Main, 9th Block, UHBUS Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd stage, Bangalore-560072. **4) Mr. Gowrish BY,** #228, 2nd A Main, 9th Block, UHBUS Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd stage, Bangalore-560072. **A/C No: 918030112739970; NPA Date: 25.07.2021; Demand Notice Date: 29.11.2021;**	**Rs.59,96,085.52** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Ninety Six Thousand and Eighty Five and Paise Fifty Two Only) being the amount due **as on 23.11.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.228, Ashirvadha Vinayaga Layout, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross Road, Yashwanthpur Hobli, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560022 and **bounded on the: East:** Road, **West:** Site No.209 Independent House, **North:** Site No.227 Vacant Land, **South:** Site No.229 Vacant land.	
5	**1) Mr. Bhaskar B,** F1, No.12 1 2nd Main, 4th Cross, SVG Nagar, Near Olety Mansion, Moodalapalya, Bangalore-560072. **Mr. Bhaskar B,** Aditi Incorp No.6, Naresh Arcade, 2nd Floor, 60ft Road, Kempegowda, H B C S Layout, Prashant Nagar, Bangalore-560079 **(Borrower/ Mortgager). 2) Mr. Shubhakar Bhuvaneshrao,** F1, No.12, 1 2nd Main, 4th Cross, SVG Nagar, Near Olety Mansion, Moodalapalya, Bangalore-560072 **(Co-Applicant).** **A/C Nos: PHR000901433363; NPA Date: 04.09.2021; Demand Notice Date: 10.01.2022;**	**Rs.23,27,627.00** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Seven Only) being the amount due **as on 07.01.2022** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.62/2 measurring 3 Acres 4 Guntas situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now bearing BBMP Khata No.5032/62/2, ward No.198 Hemigepura and converted for Non Agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No.ALN(S) SR(KEN) 114/10-11 dated 19.01.2011 which is **bounded on East by:** Property in Sy.No.63, **West by:** Road & Property in Sy.No.62/1, **North by:** Sy.No.61, **South by:** Property in Sy.No.266. **Schedule B Property - Undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property which is the subject matter of this Deed of Absolute Sale):** All that piece and parcel of 572 square feet of undivided right, title and interest in the land in the Schedule "A" property. **Schedule C Apartment - (Residential Apartment which is the subject matter of this Deed of Absolute Sale):** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No.221 measuring Super Built up area of 1050 Square feet, situated in the First Floor in the Residential Apartment Building called MAHAVEER GALAXY being constructed on the Schedule-A property with the Floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally, along with common rights in respect of common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with one covered Car Parking Space bearing no.221 in the Still floor, which is **bounded on: East by:** Duct & Flat No.222, **West by:** Duct, **North by:** Passage, **South by:** Duct. The Construction is RCC Roof Vitrified Flooring with the amenities of water, Electricity AND Sanitation.	
6	**1) Mr. Syed Mohammed Ismail, S/o. Mohammed Ibrahim,** No.26E, Kasturba Nagar, Near ESI Hospital, Pipe Line, Mysore Road, Government Electric Factory, Bangalore-560026 **(Applicant/ Mortgager). Also at: Mr. Syed Mohammed Ismail,** Postman, Government of Post, The Sr. Supdt of Post Office, Bangalore South Division, Bangalore-560041 **(Applicant/ Mortgager). 2) Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim, S/o. Mohammed Ali,** No.26E, Kasturba Nagar, Near ESI Hospital, Pipe Line, Mysore Road, Government Electric Factory, Bangalore-560026 **(Co-Applicant/ Mortgager).** **A/C No: LPR056102914016; NPA Date: 09.11.2020; Demand Notice Date: 14.12.2021;**	**Rs.17,73,203.00** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred and Three Only) being the amount due **as on 13.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): Description of Mortgaged Property standing in the name of Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim: All that piece and parcel of the northern portion of (old site no.26E1), new no.9, sub Municipal No.9/2, situated at Pipeline East, Kasturibhanagar, earlier 24th Division present 45th Division, Karithimmanahalli, Bangalore, new comes under BBMP limits, total portion of 35+30-75X50/2, East to West on Northern side 55ft, Southern side 47 ft and North to South 12ft and 6ft X55ft RCC building common passage on South and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belonging to Abdul Rahim, **West by:** Pipeline Main Road, **North by:** Property belonging to Venugopal, **South by:** Common passage measuring 6X55ft.	
7	**1) Mrs. Kiran,** No. Mahendra Cermic, Bazaar Street, Mandya-571401. **Also at: Mrs. Kiran,** Rajesh Marketing, No.23, Razzles, RV Road, Bangalore-560004. **2) Mrs. Sejal,** No.58, SBA Mansion, F2, Surveyor Street, Bangalore-560079. **Also at: Mrs. Sejal,** Rajesh Marketing, No.23, Razzles, RV Road, Bangalore-560004. **3) Mrs. Latha,** No. Mahendra Cermic, Bazaar Street, Mandya-571401. **Also at: Mrs. Latha,** Rajesh Marketing, No.23, Razzles, RV Road, Bangalore-560004. **A/C No: PCR015100669987; NPA Date: 10.07.2021; Demand Notice Date: 04.01.2022;**	**Rs.7,980,616.00** (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakhs Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Only) being the amount due **as on 03.01.2022** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): Property bearing No.140, situated in 4st stage, 2nd phase, D.Devaraja Urs Road, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysore measuring East to West 20 feet North to South 30 feet having Cellar, 1st Floor and 2nd Floor only and having 18 squares RCC building with vitrified tiles flooring and common easementary rights of entrance and **boundaries: To the East:** Property No.140/A, **To the West:** Property No.139/A, **To the North:** Maharani College Hostel, **To the South:** D Devaraja Urs Road.	
8	**1) Mr. Vajramani Kanta Reddy,** No.2981, 5th Main Road, V V Mohalla, Mysore-570002. **Mr. Vajramani Kanta Reddy,** No.195/4, Hoodi Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560048 **(Borrower/ Mortgagor). 2) Mr. S B Srinivasa Reddy,** No.2981, 5th Main Road, V V Mohalla, Mysore-570002 **(Co-Applicant). A/C No: LPR000905080787 & ECR000905435012; NPA Date: 11.10.2021; Demand Notice Date: 07.12.2021;**	**Rs.1,70,07,030.00** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakhs Seven Thousand And Thirty Only) being the amount due **as on 06-Dec-2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece of the property bearing no.2981 /1B D /11B measuring 55.06 * 102.06 feet and 60.06 * 64.06 feet, situated at Gokulam, 5th main, V V Mohalla, Mysore and **bounded on the same: Boundary for Item No.1: East by:** Gokulam Main road, **West by:** Item no.2 Property, **North by:** House belongs to P V Murthy, **South by:** 5th main Road. **Measuring:** East to West 60.06 feet, North to South 64.06. **Boundary for Item No.2: East by:** Item No.1 Property, **West by:** Remaining Property of above number and property of S Sreekantaiah, **North by:** house belonging to Ganapathi, **South by:** 5th Main Road. **Measuring:** East to West 55.06 feet. North to South 102. 06 feet.	
9	**1) Mr. Karthik T P (Borrower),** No.297, 11th Cross, 25th Main, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Near LIC Apartments, Bangalore, Karnataka-560078, India. **And also:** Director of Projects **Zolipe Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,** No.3, Sahakari Vasanth Bhavan, S Kariyappa Road, Basavangudi, Near K R Park, Bangalore, Karnataka-560062, India. **And also:** No.3/1, 4th Cross, Anepalyamain Road, Hodur Road, Anepalya, Adugodi Post, Bangalore-560049. **2) Mrs. Achala P P (Co-Borrower),** No.297, 11th Cross, 25th Main, J P Nagar 1st Phase, Near LIC Apartments, Bangalore, Karnataka-560078, India. **And also:** Architecture, **Handi Teherani Project Constructions India Pvt Lted.**, No.6/14, Gurappa Avenue Prime Rose Road, Behind Banglore Central, Bangalore, Karnataka-560025. **And also:** No.3/1, 4th Cross, Anepalyamain Road, Hodur Road, Anepalya, Adugodi Post, Bangalore-560049. **A/C No: PHR000901249524; NPA Date: 09.11.2021; Demand Notice Date: 21.12.2021;**	**Rs.60,91,182.00/-** (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Ninety One Thousand One Hudred and Eighty Two Only) being the amount due **as on 20.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and Parcel of vacant immovable property bearing Site No.1315, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority situated at Banashankari 6th Stage, 1st Block Layout, Bangalore and measuring East to West 12 meters and North to South 18 meters, totally measuring 216 sq mts and **bounded on: East:** Forest Land, **West:** Site No.1315/A, **North:** Road, **South:** Site No.1316.	
10	**1) Mr.Shivkumar A (Borrower/ Mortgager), S/o. N Arumugan,** No.393/4, NMIG A, KHB Phase, 5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064. **Also at:** Sr. Exe. Mainternance, **Shahi Exports Pvt Ltd.,** No.9, No.171, 7th Main Road, Industrial Sub Road, BBMP Ward, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560058. **2) Mrs. Thanneru Latha (Co-Applicant), W/o. Shivkumar,** No. 393/4, NMIG A, KHB, 5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064. **A/C No: PHR000901024176; NPA Date: 04.08.2021; Demand Notice Date: 31.12.2021;**	**Rs.11,40,675.00** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Forty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five Only) being the amount due **as on 30.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): SCHEDULE-A: All that piece & parcel of immovable property/ land in the layout formed by the Karantaka Housing Board, situated at 5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, measuring: East to West: 12.90 Mtrs, North to South: 17.10 Mtrs and having a total area of 220.59 Sq.mtrs and **bounded on: East by:** Open Space, **West by:** C A Site. Open Space, **North by:** Open Space, **South by:** Open Space. The Vendor having 1/16th undivided interest in all of the above property to the purchaser. **SCHEDULE-B:** Residential Apartment/ Flat/ Tenement bearing No.228-S-MIG-A, in Ground Floor of Block No.15, consisting of 16 residential apartment in the multistoried building/ block constructed on the property described in the Schedule 'A' hereto (including one half portion in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the apartment and floor of the apartment above it and internal wall and extent between such levels). **SCHEDULE OF THE TENAMENT REFERRED TO:** The Boundary schedule of Residential Tenement/ Flat bearing No.228-S-MIG-A, in Ground Floor of Block No.15, now coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike (BBMP) Katha no.798 of Yelahaka Sub-Division, situated at 5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064 and **bounded on: East by:** House No.225, **West by:** Open Space, **North by:** Open Space, **South by:** House No.227. Consisting living (Hall) with Balcony, 1 Kitchen, 1 Bed Room, 1 Bath Room and 1 Toilet and common stair case approximately measuring 40.60 Sq.mtrs or 436 Sq.ft built area and joint undivided on interest/ownership in the common space, passage, pipes, drains and staircase with RCC, Roofing and Mosaic flooring house constructed with Jungle wood doors and steel windows in the schedule property.	
11	**1) Mr. Nagarajan Narayanaswamy,** Flat No.B-914, Knight Bridge Kundanahalli, Opp HP Petrol Bunk, Bangalore-560066. **Mr. Nagarajan Narayanaswamy,** Saroja Illam, Friends Colony, Lalgudi, Trichy-621601. **Mr. Nagarajan Narayanaswamy,** IBM India Pvt Ltd., D3 Block, Manyata Embassy, Business Park, Outerring Road, Nagawara, Bangalore-560045 **(Borrower/ Mortgagor). 2) Mrs. Jayasri Mariappan, W/o. Nagarajan Narayanaswamy,** Flat No.B-914, Knight Bridge Kundanahalli, Opp HP Petrol Bunk, Bangalore-560066. **Mrs. Jayasri Mariappan, W/o. Nagarajan Narayanaswamy,** Saroja Illam, Friends Colony, Lalgudi, Trichy-621601 **(Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor).** **A/C No: PHR000900615401; NPA Date: 04.10.2021; Demand Notice Date: 07.12.2021;**	**Rs.6,36,808.00** (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Only) being the amount due **as on 02.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of the Property with BMRDA approval (Hoskote Planning Authority approval No. HPA/LAO/05/2010-11, Dated: 12/10/2010) bearing Vacant Site No.63, katha No.11362/40/1/63 formed out of Survey No.40/1 at Dandupalya Village, Old Kasaba Hobli, Now in Hoskote Municipal Town Limits, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru, Measuring East-West: 40' (Forty Feet) & North-South: 30' (Thirty Feet) in all measuring 1200 Square Feet of area and **bounded on the: East by:** Plot No.67, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Plot No.62, **South by:** Plot No.64.	
12	**1) Narahari Lakshminarasimha,** #10, 4th B Cross, Balaji Road, Vivekananda Nagara, Kathriguppe, Bangalore-560085. **Narahari Lakshminarasimha, VLS Consulting Ltd.,** #4, 2nd Floor, 100 Ft Road, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076 **(Applicant/ Mortgager). 2) Narasimha Murthy Lakshminarasimha,** #10, 4th B Cross, Balaji Road, Vivekananda Nagara, Kathriguppe, Bangalore-560085. **Narasimha Murthy Lakshminarasimha, Wipro Technologies.,** Electronic City, Phase 1, Bangalore-560100. **3) Lakshminarasimha GR,** #10, 4th B Cross, Balaji Road, Vivekananda Nagara, Kathriguppe, Bangalore-560085 **(Co-Applicant/ Mortgager).** **A/C No: LPR000901933916; NPA Date: 04.09.2021; Demand Notice Date: 10.12.2021;**	**Rs.87,13,976.00** (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six Only) being the amount due **as on 09.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing No.10 (Old No 5), Situated at 4th B Cross, Vivekanadanagar, Kathriguppe Main Road, Bangalore-560085 presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Katha No.PID No:54-142-10. measuring East to West: 30.3/4 Feet and North to South 38 ½ Feet together with building thereon. **Bounded by: East by:** House Property No.9 (old no.4), **West by:** Site No.11 (Old No.6) , **North by:** House Property No.16, **South by:** Road.	
13	**1) Mr. Mahadeva M,** H.No.2/4, Obalappa Cross, Chikka Mavalli, Near Lalbagh, Westgate, Bangalore-560004. **Mr. Mahadeva M, S/o. Madegowda,** Marigowdana Hundi Mysore, Behind Maramma Temple, Mysore-571311. **Mr. Mahadeva M,** Mahadeva Building Contractor No.2/4, Obalappa Cross, Chikkamavalli, Bangalore-560004 **(Borrower/ Mortgager). 2) Mrs. Gauri S,** H.No.2/4, Obalappa Cross, Chikka Mavalli, Near Lalbagh, Westgate, Bangalore-560004. **Mrs. Gauri S,** H.No.60, Marigowdana Hundi Devalapura, Behind Maramma Temple, Mysore-571311 **(Co-Borrower).** **A/C No: PHR015105332631; NPA Date: 09.06.2021; Demand Notice Date: 09.12.2021;**	**Rs.28,19,396.00/-** (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six Only) being the amount due **as on 8-Dec-2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.17. Situated in residential layout formed in the converted land bearing Survey No.3/10 measuring 22 guntas situated at Nandanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, measuring east to west 7 Meters and North to South 9.45 meters. **Towards East:** Survey No.3/3, **Towards West:** Road, **Towards North:** Survey No.3/2, **Towards South:** Survey No.16.	
14	**1) Mrs. Rohini M C,** No.T1, Vanani Apartment, Vijayashree Layout, Mylasandra Road, Kengeri Bangalore South, R V Niketan, Bangalore-560059. **Mrs. Rohini M C,** Creative Devices, No.9, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Byatrayanapura New Extn, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560026 **(Borrower/ Mortgagor). 2) Mrs. Rohini M C,** No.399, 2nd C Cross, 14th Block, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560012. **Mrs. Rohini,** M C No.08, 1st Cross, Raghvendraswamy Temple Road, Papareddy Palya, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Papareddy Palya Circle, Bangalore-560072 **(Borrower/ Mortgagor).** **A/C No: PHR000902198404; NPA Date: 05.12.2020; Demand Notice Date: 07.12.2021;**	**Rs.31,22,341.00** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty One Only) being the amount due **as on 02.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): SCHEDULE " A " PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site 16, 17, 18 and 19 formed in converted land bearing Sy.no.34/1, 35/1, 39/1 and 41 situted at Mylasndra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, Bangalore, having BBMP Khatha No 804/820/845/873 site No.16 to 19 totally ad-measring 8785 Square feet and **bounded on: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** 40 Feet Wide Road, **North by:** 35 Feet Road, **South by:** Private Property. **SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of Residentail Apartment bearing Flat No.T-1, Third Floor of **"VANANI"** constructed on the Scheduled "A" Property having Two Bed Rooms and Super Built area of 1175 Sq.ft with 1 Covered car Parking area in the basement Floor. **SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY:** Undivided share, title and interest in the land comprised in the Schedule "A" property which works out to 305.50 Sq.fts.	
15	**1) Mr. Ramaiah Panduranga,** No.5, 5th Cross, Kabbana Pet, Near Bannappa Park, Bangalore, Karnataka-560002, India. **Mr. Ramaiah Panduranga,** SLV Traders, No.5, 4th Cross Cubbonpet, Bangalore, Karnataka-560002, India **(Borrower/ Mortgager). 2) Mrs. V Shobha,** #5, 5th Cross, Kabbana Pet, Near Bannappa Park, Bangalore, Karnataka-560002, India **(Co-Borrower). Legal Heirs of the Deceased Ramaiah Panduranga: Mr. Kushal Panduranga, S/o. Late Ramaiah Panduranga,** No.5, 5th Cross, Kabbana Pet, Near Bannappa Park, Bangalore, Karnataka-560002, India. **Mr. Rahul Panduranga, S/o. Late Ramaiah Panduranga,** No.5, 5th Cross, Kabbana Pet, Near Bannappa Park, Bangalore, Karnataka-560002, India. **A/C Noa: 920030019203881 & LPR000905316256; NPA Date: 08.06.2021; Demand Notice Date: 03.12.2021;**	**Rs.3,43,74,875** (Rupees Three Core Forty Three Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Only) being the amount due **as on 01.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): Property Mortgaged for the Loan Account - 920030019203881: All that piece and parcel of the Premises bearing New Muncipal No.5, Old No.4, situated at 4h Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore, Having PID No.77-112-5. Measuring: East to West: On the Northern Side 30 feet, On the Southern Side 26 feet. North to South: On the Eastern Side 36 feet, On the Western Side 54 feet. Totally measuring about 1260 square feet, Together with all 1605 sq.ft a dilapidated residential building thereon, being **bounded East by:** 4th Cross Road, **West by:** Property belonging to Shanthappa & Masthan Sab, **North by:** Banappa Park, **South by:** Portion of the Property belonging to T Ramachandran. **Property Mortgaged for the Loan Account - LPR000905316256:** All that piece and parcel of the Premises bearing Muncipal No.3, Old No.16/3 having PID No.77-115-3 situated at Cubbenpet 7th Cross, Bangalore measuring East to West 44.6 ft and North to South towards Eastern side 31.3 ft and Western side 32. ft with building thereon and **bounded East by:** Road, **West by:** Property of Shankar Shetty, **North by:** House of Anandappa, **South by:** Property of K M Nagamma.	
16	**1) DM Ranganath Prasad,** #75, Srinivasam, 3rd Main Road, Near Cricket Ground, Giridharma Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **DM Ranganath Prasa,** HCL Technologies Ltd., Surya Sapphire, Plot No.3, 1st Phase, Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100 **(Applicant/ Mortgaged). 2) Mrs. Rao Rajani Guntanur Ramachandra, W/o. DM Ranganath Prasad,** #75, Srinivasam, 3rd Main Road, Near Cricket Ground, Giridharma Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **Mrs. Rao Rajani Guntanur Ramachandra, W/o. DM Ranganath Prasad,** #40, Varshini, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Moodalapaly, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-56072. **A/C No: PHR000901579585; NPA Date: 09.06.2021; Demand Notice Date: 10.12.2021;**	**Rs.20,30,118.00** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Thirty Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Only) being the amount due **as on 09.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing No.31 measuring 40; x 50; (2000sft) in Sy.No.366/3 of 'JR Habitat' situated at Madiwala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist., having V.P Khatha No.150200101800420862/31, duly converted for Non agricultural residential Purpose as per Official Memorandum No. ALN (A&K) SR 177/2011-12, dated 9.1.2012 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and Layout duly approved by the Anekal Planning Authority as per order bearing No.APA/LAO/35/2013-14 dated 11.04.2014, with release order dated 26.08.2015 currently under the limmits of Marasuru Village Panchayath, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, **Measuring:** East to West: 50 feet (15.24 mtrs), North to South: 40 feet (12.19 mtrs), Total measuring: 2000 Sq.ft (185.78 sq.mtrs). **Boundaries: East by:** Site No.40, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.32.	
17	**1) Mr. Ranganna S G,** #411, Shankarmata Road, Mysore 100ft Road, Near Hopcoms Shop, Chamaraj Mohalla, Mysore-570024. **Also at: Mr. Ranganna S G, S/o. Guddaiah Mahadi,** Taluk Thippasandra, Hobli Shanigatta, Near Grama Panchayath, Bangalore-562131. **Also at: Mr. Ranganna S G,** CFTRI Campus, Near Kalamandir, Mysore-570020 **(Applicant/ Mortgager). 2) Mrs. Nalini, W/o. Ranganna SG,** #411, Shankarmata Road, Mysore 100ft Road, Near Hopcoms Shop, Chamaraj Mohalla, Mysore-570024 **(Co-Applicant/ Mortgager).** **A/C No: PHR015103054495; NPA Date: 09.08.2021; Demand Notice Date: 14.12.2021;**	**Rs.5,79,043.00** (Rupees Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand and Forty Three Only) being the amount due **as on 13.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing in No.411, 627/1, New No.CH-2/1, situated behind Shankara Mutta Road, Chamaraja Mohala, Mysuru, measuring East to West 12 ft and North to South 22 Ft and **bounded on: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Galli, **North by:** Property belongs to H.Venkataiah, **South by:** Private Property.	
18	**1) Mr. Balachandra P,** #875, 1st Main, BEML Layout, 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore -560098. **Mr. Balachandra P,** Assistant Professor, SJB Instituteof Technology, BGS Health and Education City, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060 **(Borrower/ Mortgager). 2) Mrs. Baharathi K S,** #875, 1st Main, BEML Layout, 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **Mrs. Baharathi K S,** CGI Information Systems and Management Consultants Pvt Ltd, Electronic City Phase-2, Bangalore-560100 **(Co-Applicant/ Mortgager)** **A/C No: PHR000902103996; NPA Date: 09.06.2021; Demand Notice Date: 14.12.2021;**	**Rs.26,26,041.00** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand And Forty One Only) being the amount due **as on 13-Dec-2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property bearing Sy.No.240, new Sy.no.240/2 (Vide official memorandum bearing No.ALN(S) S R (KEN) 38/2011-12 dated 4-10-2021of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Ward No.160 of Rajarajeshwarinagar and assign BBMP Khata No.1141/240/02 measuring East to West 115+125/2 feet and North to South 95+97/2 feet in all measuring 11,520 Sq.feet and **bounded on: East by:** Road and remaining portion of Sy.No.240/2, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property belongs to Naresh Kuamr H, **South by:** Road. **Schedule-B Property:** 274 Sq.Feet of Undivided share right, title, and interest in the land comprising in schedule "A" property. **Schedule -C-Property:** Two Bedrooms Apartments bearing No.204, second Floor measuring 1130 Square Feet of Super built up area with Vitrified Tiles Flooring one covered car parking place, part of multistoried residential apartment known as "DHATHRI ELITE" constructed at SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY along with all the rights in the common areas and easements	
19	**1) Mr. Keshavamurthy M C,** Minnapura Village, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural-562123. **2) Mrs. Gangamma (Guaranter),** 95, Minnapura, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist.-562123. **A/C No: 915030015049267; NPA Date: 24.03.2021; Demand Notice Date: 04.01.2022;**	**Rs.10,99,584.00** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four Only) being the amount due **as on 01.01.

AXIS BANK LIMITED

Retail Lending and Payment Group (Local Office/Branch): Axis Bank Limited, #45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bengaluru-Karnataka-560027.

Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC - 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugalsan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai-400708.
Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad-380006.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Public AuctionSale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 Sub Rule (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 24th February 2022** for recovery of **Rs.18,50,758/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) dues as on 26.05.2017** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **1) Mrs. Reena L J and 2) Mr. Prashant K P in Loan No. PHR000901633154.** Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

Known Encumbrances (If Any)	Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance , Tax etc. if any, as applicable
Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Rs. 31,96,960/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Rs. 3,19,696/- (Rupees Three Lakh Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Six Only) through DD/PO in favor of 'Axis Bank Ltd.' payable at Bangalore.
Bid Incremental Amount	Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand Only)
Last Date, Time And Venue For Submission Of Bids / Tender With EMD	Till 23rd February 2022 latest by 04:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd, #45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bengaluru-Karnataka-560027, addressed to Mr. Shaik Azuruddin
Date, Time, And Venue For Public Auction	On 24th February 2022, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon at Axis Bank Ltd, #45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bengaluru-Karnataka-560027

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.09 in Confident Aries III measuring 128.01 sq. mt. formed out of Sy.No.42, 195/2 A, 195/2 B, 195/5 195/6 196/3, PID No.150200102701020630 situated at S Medahalli village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore **and bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Private property, **North by:** Plot No.08, **South by:** Plot No.10.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. **https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail**

For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact **Mr. Shaikh Azuruddin** at **Axis Bank Ltd,** # 45, Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560027 **(Mobile No. 7330999018** Email ID: **shaik.azuruddin@axisbank.com)** during office hours **from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.**

This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Guarantorsunder Rule 9 Sub Rule (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date: 07.02.2022, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.**

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APPENDIX- IV-A" [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/ constructive/ Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **09.03.2022**, for recovery of **Rs. 59,00,732/- (Rupees Fifty Nine lakhs & Seven hundred Thirty Two only) (as on 21.11.2021)** and interest thereon due to the **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **Mr. Dillip Kumar & Mr. Santosh Kumar (Borrowers),** Property No.62, Newkhata No.1893 Door No.64, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, P & T layout, T C Palya Main Road, Dooravani Nagar, Post, Bangalore-560036

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of southern portion of the site bearing No.62, in old Khata No.20, Later Khata No.118/3/20, New Khata No.1893, situated at Sobnnathammanahalli alias Thambuchettypalya Krishnarajpura Hobli, earstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore New Taluk Comes under Jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore (earstwhile jurisdiction of ward No.12 Krishnarajpura City Municipal Council, Bangalore measuring East to West 57 feet and North to South 20 feet in total measuring 1140 sqft and **bounded by: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Remaining portion of the Property No.62, **South by:** Site No.63.

Encumbrances on property: NIL	**Reserve Price: Rs.66,48,000/-**
EMD Amount: Rs.7,00,000/-	**Bid incremental Amount: Rs.50,000/-**
Date and time of e-auction: 09.03.2022	**Property ID No.: IDIB50296194710**

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider **MSTC Ltd** to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call **MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004** and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with **MSTC Ltd,** please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.**

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number **'18001025026'** and **'011-41106131'.**

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com.**

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 05.02.2022 **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch**

Indian Bank

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Notice of intended Sale

Notice of intended sale under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement Rules) 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

To,**Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan** S/o Mr.Muthupalani (Prop M/s.Ambika Enterprises)No.213/2, Venkatappa layout, 1st main Road,Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar (Post) BENGALURU-560 043 **Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan** S/o Mr.Muthupalani (Prop M/s.Ambika Enterprises)Old No.25, Newb No.395, 2nd Floor,Anjanappa building,Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar post,Bangalore 560 043 **Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan** S/o Mr.Muthupalani(Prop M/s.Ambika Enterprises)246, Behind Omshakthi Temple,Babusapalya, 3rd Cross, Flower Garden,Bangalore 560 043

Sub: Loan account Ambika Enterprises Prop. M.Elanchezhiyan (A/c No.50286203569) with Indian Bank,Bannerghatta Road Branch

M/s Ambika Enterprises Prop. M.Elanchezhiyan availed Cash Credit facility from Indian Bank, Bannerghatta Road (e-Alb) Branch, the repayment of which is secured by Mortgage of schedule mentioned properties hereinafter referred to as "the Properties". Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan S/o Mr.Muthupalani (Prop M/s.Ambika Enterprises) , failed to pay the outstanding dues to the Bank. Therefore a Demand Notice dated 30.06.2021 under Sec. 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorized Officer calling upon Mr. **Ambika Enterprises Prop. M.Elanchezhiyan,** Borrower(s), liable to the Bank to pay the amount due to the tune of **Rs. 27,10,561(Twenty seven lakhs ten thousand five hundred sixty one rupees only) as on 30/06/2021** with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon. Both failed to make payment despite issuance of Demand Notice dated 30.6.2021 As Mr.M.Elanchezhiyan S/o Mr.Muthupalani (Prop M/s.Ambika Enterprises) failed to make payment despite Demand Notice, the Authorized Officer took possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on 28.9.2021 after complying with all legal formalities.As per Sec.13 (4) of the Act, Secured Creditor is entitled to effect sale of the assets taken possession of and realize the proceeds towards outstanding balance. In accordance with the same, the undersigned / Authorized Officer intends to sell the schedule mentioned securities in the following mode:**THE SALE PROPOSED TO BE HELD IS BY WAY OF PUBLIC TENDER /AUCTION ADOPTING THE e-AUCTION MODE.**As per Rule 6 (2) and 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, 15 days notice of intended sale is required to be given and hence we are issuing this notice.The amount due as on 10.11.2021 is **Rs.28,66,981 (Rupees Twenty eight lakh Sixty Six Thousand nine hundred Eighty One only)** with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 10.11.2021 till the date of full settlement. Please take note that this is notice of 15 days and the schedule mentioned properties shall be sold under the Act by the undersigned/Authorized Officer any time after 15 days.**The date of sale is fixed as 24/02/2022 which would be by e-auction mode.** Inspection of the scheduled properties and related documents/up to date EC etc by the intending purchasers/bidders may be done at their expense on 21/02/2022 between **10.00 am to 4.00 pm.**The Reserve price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the sale of the secured assets is fixed as mentioned in the schedule.The Tender/bid Form with the Terms and conditions can be had on-line from the website (**https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**) and using the provision in the system/software. The tender form and the terms and conditions would be available in the website **from 09/02/2022 to 23/02/2022 from 10.00am to 4.00 pm.**The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register with online portal (https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi) using their mobile number and email id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount in his Global EMD Wallet by **23/02/2022** i.e before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online or after generation of Challan from the website **(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/ ibapi) for depositing in bidders Global EMD Wallet.** NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as **Cheques will not be accepted.** Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest.The Authorized Officer/Bank has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the sale without assigning any reason therefor.The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, including EMD amount (10%) deposited, latest by the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft /Account Transfer and/ or any other acceptable mode of money transfer.

The Nodal Bank account no. / IFSC Code etc. for online money transfer is as under.

Nodal Bank Account No. and A/c. Name	IFSC Code
6096875321e-auction EMD account, Bangalore Zone	**M G Road branch IDIB000M050**

In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor.The sale is made on "As is where is and as is what is" basis and no representations and warranties are given by the Bank relating to encumbrance, Statutory liabilities etc.If the e-auction fails owing to any technical snag etc., the same may be re-scheduled by issuing 7 days prior notice.***This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor (this portion may be retained if it is a non-suit filed account)****This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor and without prejudice to rights of the Secured Creditor to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/ DRAT/ Court and proceed with the execution of order/decree obtained/to be obtained. (This portion may be retained if it is a suit filed account)

SCHEDULE;The specific details of the assets which are intended to be brought to sale are enumerated hereunder:

Date, Time for e-auction and Property ID No.24/02/2022 10 am to 4 pm Property ID: IDIB50286203569	Prior Encumbrance NIL

Description of the property SCHEDULE " A" PROPERTY

ITEM : All that part and parcel of the property Western portion of house property No.16, House list Khatha No.185/249 SL No.931, with in the limits of BBMP, Babusabpalya, ChelkereDhakle, K R PuramHobli, Bangalore East taluk, Bangalore measuring 910 Sq.fts , and bounded on Property Bounded on East: Eastern portion of same property and karumariyamma temple,West : Private property;North: Private property;South: Road;
And the property belonging to 1st of you

Reserve Price:Rs.33.00 lakhs EMD:Rs.3.30 lakhs

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.

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Date: 05/02/2022 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **IndianBank**

DEUTSCHE BANK AG

 # 26- 27, Raheja Towers, M G Road, Bangalore - 560001

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES

LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS 15th March 2022 up to 4:00 pm

Sale of immovable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of DEUTSCHE BANK AG had taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with our Branch with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** for realization of Bank's dues. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: https://www.bankeauctions.com.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES

Lot No.	Name of the Branch & Account	Property/ies Description	Demand Notice Date / Outstanding Amount (Secured debt)	Authorized Officer's Details	EMD SUBMISSION ACCOUNT DETAILS	Reserve Price / EMD / Minimum Bid Enhance Amount	Date/ Time of E - Auction
1.	Deutsche Bank AG , # 26- 27, Raheja Towers, M G Road, Bangalore - 560001 **Mr. Ganesh Ramakrishnan and Ms. G Revathi.**	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No. 203, in Second Floor of the building "BANASHANKARI CORAL", 2nd Cross, M M Layout Kavalbyrasandra, Bangalore North, R T Nagar, Bangalore – 560032.	**10.10.2019** **Rs. 34,01,900.32** as on **11.09.2019** + interest + other charges	**Mr. Pankaj Gotawat, Mobile No.** 9902064099 **Email Id** pankaj.gotawat@db.com	**A/c No.** 07849027010068 **A/c Name–Deutsche** Bank AG EMD, **Name of the Beneficiary** -Deutsche Bank AG **IFSC-** DEUT0784PBC	**41,40,000.00** **4,14,000.00** (10% Of The Reserve Price) **10,000.00** (Bid Inc. Amount)	16-March-2022 12:00 pm

The e-Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

1. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ ies put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues.

2. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The inspection of property/ies put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders on **05th March 2022 between 11 am to 3pm.**

3. The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: **https://www.bankeauctions.com** (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT in the account mentioned above.
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4. The interested bidder has to submit their Bid Documents (not below the Reserve Price) and required documents (mentioned in Point No. 3) on/ before **15th March 2022 upto 4.00 pm** and after going through the Registering Process (One time) and generating User ID & Password of their own, shall be eligible for participating the e-Auction Process, subject to due verification (of the documents) and/ or approval of the Authorised Officer. EMD also can be deposited in the bank by way demand draft favoring "Deutsche Bank AG EMD" the same will be returned to un successful bidder.

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Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical /constructive / Symbolic** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, New Timber Yard Layout branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 16.10.2021 for recovery of **Rs 60,32,414.69**(Rupees Sixty Lakhs Thirty two Thousand four Hundred fourteen and sixty nine paise only) as on 09.12.2021 and Interest from 09.12.2021 due to the **Indian Bank, Giri Nagar Branch,** Secured Creditor, from 1. Mr D Gajendra Kumar (Borrower), No. 1832, 1st Block, Sir M V Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore-56., 2.MrDevaraju R (Guarantor), No. 1832, 1st Block, Sir M V Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore-56

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property	**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY** All that piece and parcel of immovable Flat No 002, Ground floor 47/1 Manjunatha Residency Plot No 68, Khatha No 2082, BBMP katha No. 68/2082/2503, Vijayasri layout, Sy. No. 47/1, Myalasandra village, Kengeri, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore- 560059 measuring 2480 Sqft BOUNDARIES: East by: Road , West by: Plot No.79, North by: Plot No.69, South by: Plot No.67
Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.68,03,000/- (Sixty Eight Lakh Three Thousand only)
EMd Amount	Rs.6,90,000/- (Six Lakhs Ninety Thousand only)
Bid incremental amount	Rs 50,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	**23.02.2022 between 11.00 am to 2 pm**
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Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant / Co-Applicant/ Guarantors / Ac.No.	Liability in Rs.
22	**1) Mr. Karthik S (Borrower/ Mortgager), S/o. Shivalinga,** No.182/A, C-Zone, 3rd Stage, J P Nagar, Near Kandaya Colony, Mysore-570008. **Also at: Mr. Karthik S,** Project Manager, **Larsen and Toubro Infotech Ltd.,** Plot No. 25-3, Ep-Phase II, Kiadb Industrial Area, Whitefield, Near Saibaba Hospital, Bangalore-560066. **Also at: Karthik S,** No.171, at Nachanahalli, J P Nagar, 2nd Stage, Fort Mohalla, Mysore-570008. **2) Mrs. Manjula M (Co-Borrower/ Mortgager), W/o. Mahadevappa,** No.182/A, C-Zone, 3rd Stage, J P Nagar, Near Kandaya Colony, Mysore-570008. **Also at: Mrs. Manjula M,** No.171, at Nachanahalli, J P Nagar, 2nd Stage, Fort Mohalla, Mysore-570008. **A/C No: PHR015102670677; NPA Date: 04.11.2021; Demand Notice Date: 31.12.2021;**	**Rs.10,93,306.00/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Six Only) being the amount due **as on 30.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of mortgaged property standing in the name of Mr. Karthik S: All the piece and parcel of House property bearing No.171, situated at Nachanahalli, J P Nagar, 2nd Stage, Fort Mohalla, Mysore at measuring East to West: 9 Mtrs and North to South: 6 Mtrs, totally 54 Sq.mtrs and 4 mtrs Built up in Ground Floor and 4 mtrs Built up in First Floor RCC with Mosaik flooring House property, together with facilities of electricity, drainage and water to the building and premises. **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.124, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.172, **South by:** Site No.170.	
23	**1) Mr. Thyagaraj G S,** 17, Jaraganahalli, Bangalore, Near Church, Bangalore-560078. **Mr. Thyagaraj G S,** No.1 & 2, Sai Balaji Arcade, Kothanur Main Road, B K Circle, Bangalore-560078. **Mr. Thyagaraj G S,** Sri Vinayaka Travells, No.1 & 2, Sresai Balaji Arcade, Kothanur Main Road, B K Circle, J P Nagar-560078 **(Borrower/ Mortgagor). 2) Mrs. Gowramma H A,** No.17, Jaraganahalli, Bangalore, Near Church, Bangalore-560078 **(Co-Applicant).** **A/C Nos: PHR000901627716; NPA Date: 12.05.2021; Demand Notice Date: 10.01.2022;**	**Rs.27,81,057.00** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Eighty One Thousand And Fifty Seven Only) being the amount due **as on 07.01.2022** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Site No.485 in the layout formed and developed by the BDA, Bangalore Situated at Bhanashakri Layout, 8th Stage 2nd Block, Bangalore Measuring East to West 9.14 meters and North to South 6.09 Meters total measuring 55.6 square meters and **boundaries as follows East by:** Site No.500, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.486, **South by:** Site No.484.	
24	**1) Mr. Balachandra P,** #875, 1st Main, BEML Layout, 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **Mr. Balachandra P,** Assistant Professor, SJB Institute of Technology, BGS Health and Education City, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060 **(Borrower/ Mortgagor). 2) Mr. Leelavathi H C,** #875, 1st Main, BEML Layout, 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. **(Co-Applicant).** **A/C Nos: PHR000901245120; NPA Date: 09.06.2021; Demand Notice Date: 13.12.2021;**	**Rs.3,96,273.00** (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Three Only) being the amount due **as on 13.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA Vacant Site 1997 (EWS) measuring East to West 9 meters and North to South 6 meters (9.00Mx6.00M) in all total measuring 54.00 sq.mt. situated at VIIIth Block further extension of Sri M. Vishweshwaraiah Nagara, Bangalore and **bounded on East by:** Site No.1990, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.1998, **South by:** Site 1996.	
25	**1) Mr. Jagadeesh Bagali,** #252, Bangkit Road, Bukit Panjag, Singapore, #12-390. **Also at: Mr. Jagadeesh Bagali, C/o Mr. Prakash Bagali,** Tholasappa Building, Kadubisam Halli, Pantoor Post, Bangalore-560103. **Also at: Mr. Jagadeesh Bagali, Tri Star Electronics Pte Ltd.,** H/10, Middle Road, Chit Hong Building, Singapore-188968. **2) Mrs. Sowmya Gowder,** #252, Bangkit Road, Bukit Panjag, Singapore, #12-390. **Also at: Mrs. Sowmya Gowder,** H. No.1, WNO 25, 1st Cross, Shastry Nagar, Bellary-583104. **A/C Nos: PHR051401827884; NPA Date: 10.07.2021; Demand Notice Date: 04.01.2022;**	**Rs.29,70,551.00** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Fifty One Only) being the amount due **as on 03.01.2022** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of the Secured Asset(s): SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of property the converted undeveloped land bearing Sy.No.141, Old Sy.No. 143 and now Resurvey No.141/1A (Duly converted for non-agricultural/ residential purposes by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, vide order No.ALN (EVH) SR 252/2010-11, dated 02.02.2011) situated at Doddakannelli Village, Varhtur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 1 Acre and **boundaries: To the East:** Land bearing Sy.No.141/2, **To the West:** Land bearing Sy.No.142, **To the North:** Boghenahalli Boundary, **To the South:** Road. **SCHEDULE-B:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat 110, in First Floor in Sri Sai Icon consisting of RCC framed structure for 3 bedrooms with kitchen, dining and living room, total super built up area of 1629 sq.ft. with one car parking space in stilt floor with 488 sq.ft. of undivided share of interest in Schedule A property.	
26	**1) Mrs. Anitha Subramania, D/o. Subramania Kandasamy,** 760, IRVING PL, #PL2, Secavcvs, NJ USA-07094-3231 **(Borrower). Also at: Mrs. Anitha Subramania,** No.30, 2nd Cross, 3rd Block, Behind Petro Park, Dasappa Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016. **Also at: Mrs. Anitha Subramania** (Software Engineer), Minds Park Interactive Network In, 29, Wells Avenve, SU17300, Yonkers, USA-10701. **2) Mrs. M Esther Vasantha,** No.30, 2nd Cross, 3rd Block, Behind Petro Park,Sasappa Layout, Bangalore-560016 **(Co-Applicant/ Mortgager).** **NPA Date: 09.11.2021;** **A/C Nos: PHR056101724059 & PHR056101781187; Demand Notice Date: 29.12.2021;**	**Rs.72,30,319.00** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Only) being the amount due **as on 28.12.2021** and on termination of the agreement together with further interest at the contractual rate of interest as detailed herein above, till the date of payment
	Description of mortgaged property standing in the name of Mrs. Anintha Subramanian: All the piece and parcel of Site bearing No.47, bearing municipal Khata Khaneshumari No.513/47 in the layout known **"Sri Sathya Sai Baba Layout"** formed in residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.377/2 and 378, situated at, Sulibele Road Devanahalli (T), Kasaba (H), Bangalore Rural District admeasuring North side 28 "2' South side-32'4' and East and West Side-46'6" and West Side Trianglur portion measuring 1/2X6'8"X46'6" and the total site measuring 1595 Sq.ft(1) 28'2'+32'4'X46'6'/2(2) 1/2X6'8"X46'6" and property is **bounded as follows: East by:** Site No.46, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Private Property Sy.No.379, **South by:** 30.ft. Road.	
27	**1) Tile Warehouse,** D.No.20-2-166/168, Opp. Indian Overseas Bank, Kasaba Bazar Bunder, Mangalore-575001. **2) Diana Selma Fernandes,** Flat No.201, Premier Daffodil, Mercara Hill Road, Mallikatte, Bendoor, Mangalore-575002. **Also at: Diana Selma Fernandes,** #403, Vandana Lite, 35/14, 1st Cross, Jakkasandra, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. **3) Josfred M Fernandes,** #403, Vandana Lite, 35/14, 1st Cross, Jakkasandra, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. **A/C Nos: 919060005303389 & 920060053058857;** **NPA Date: 01.12.2021;** **Demand Notice Date: 19.01.2022;**	**Rs.1,39,34,108.80** (Rupees One

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Robert G Ingersoll

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— Ramnath Goenka

LETTING LATA GO, SEEKING SOLACE IN HER SONGS

The tug of film and classical music is an old one in the subcontinent. One represents excitement, the other exactitude. There's popularity in one, propriety in another. It's a conundrum that could break the best of singers, and it often has. "If you want to earn money, raise a family," warns a voice in Chaitanya Tamhane's The Disciple, "then perform love songs or film songs." That's how sharply, lest we forget, the lines are drawn.

Lata Mangeshkar sang love songs, film songs and she earned a bit of money. Yet look at the reverence pouring out—all those tears and tributes—and a greater picture emerges. In life, Lata, who trained under her classical vocalist father, didn't so much break from tradition as recast it anew. Her most defining traits—composure, simplicity and grace—are consistent with her musical roots. Yet she also ran wild with the times, improvised where she had to, retreated where she couldn't. She adapted to film totally, spiritually—and that's no mean feat. If the pronouncement in The Disciple sounds dismissive today, how much more would it have stung in 1943? It's staggering how deeply Lata's voice is connected to our lives. The melodies, the lullabies—they're passed on, heirloom-like, through time. Technology plays a part. As this is penned down, strains of *Tum Agaye Ho* and *Aaja Piya Tohe Pyar Du* waft in from the other room. It's been played on Spotify on a mobile phone—there's compression involved, and a hint of crackle. It might not be how one remembers first hearing these songs, on a Sharp TV set in the late 90s. The prior generations, who grew up in the 60s and 70s, with the radio transistor, have a different story.

It's a time of mourning; flags stand at half-mast. Social media is flooded with pictures. "Feb 6 is a dark day," declares Hema Malini, the luminous star of some of Lata's brightest songs. A pandemic-stricken country joins in grief. The singer, for her part, goes in characteristic quiet. Consolation? Parting words? Find it in the songs.

DMK'S FEDERATION HAS POTENTIAL

Speaking in Parliament days ago, Congress scion Rahul Gandhi spoke of two Indias to articulate a difference between the ruling BJP and the opposition. In that speech, he significantly spoke of Tamil Nadu and its anti-BJP sentiment to make the case that the saffron party could not rule from Delhi. Yet, the argument that India is a Union of States, in recent times came up not because of Gandhi, but the DMK's choice to refer to the NDA government in Delhi as the Union government, rather than the Central government. Similarly, despite Gandhi's eloquence, it is the DMK President and TN Chief Minister M K Stalin who has seeded what could be a meaningful and effective counter narrative that could challenge the BJP's dominance.

Significant among the DMK's core beliefs are social justice and federalism. It is these beliefs—along with secularism—that Stalin has put forth as a common platform on which political parties from across the country (barring the BJP) could come together in forming an 'All India Federation for Social Justice'. Recently, Stalin wrote to the leaders of 37 parties, including arch-rival AIADMK, calling for representatives to join the federation, pitching social justice, defined by Stalin as "everything for everyone", and federalism as common goals. The effort builds on the DMK's role in the legal battle to attain reservation for OBCs in the all India quota for medical seats.

While it is tempting to see the federation as simply a political effort to propel Stalin to a central role on the national stage, it may also offer the best chance for a broad-based coalition with a coherent strategy and narrative against the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Since taking charge of the party after the death of his father and leader M Karunanidhi, Stalin has consistently raised his voice against the BJP. After coming to power last year, Stalin and the DMK have recalled the party's roots in various ways, be it by standing for states' rights or by evoking party founder C N Annadurai's description of himself as coming from the Dravidian stock. In policy too, the party has made efforts to act on its founding principles. This last is key: social justice has shaped Tamil society over the last seven decades, on a national level too, being true to its meaning will ensure the federation offers more than clever rhetoric, but rather a roadmap for a more equal India.

Religious freedom is the hallmark of pluralism. While legitimate restrictions are to be accepted, irrational intrusion into religious notions should be averted

CLOTHING AND THE RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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A college in Udupi in Karnataka has been in the news for not allowing a few hijab-clad female students to attend the classes. In the neighbouring state Kerala, the government issued an order saying that girl students in the Student Police Cadet (SPC) Project will not be allowed to wear hijabs or full-sleeve dresses, which is in variation with the standard uniform prescribed for the cadets. The order was issued based on a direction by the Kerala High Court. It was a student who moved the court claiming that her right to wear a hijab is protected under Article 25(1) of the Constitution. The court had then asked the government to take a decision on the matter. While rejecting the student's plea to permit hijab, the government also said that religious symbols are not allowed in the SPC.

Similar controversies have occurred in the recent past. In 2016, a writ petition was filed challenging the dress code for the All India Pre-Medical Test. The code was intended to check the massive malpractice allegedly taking place. Justice A Muhamed Mustaque of the Kerala High Court, though refused to interfere with the dress code, ordered that the code will not be enforced against the candidates who are unable to wear it due to "injunctions of their faith". In a subsequent case, however, the judge did not show this indulgence. In *Fathima Thasneem vs State of Kerala* (2018), the court categorically said that the management of a private aided school has every right to disallow head scarfs and full sleeve shirts in the classroom since those were inconsistent with the prescribed dress code. The court said: "if the management is not given free hand to administer and manage the institution, that would denude their fundamental right."

In *Tinker vs Des Moines* (1969), the US Supreme Court dealt with the legality of a public school authority suspending a group of students for wearing black armbands as a symbol of silent protest against the Vietnam war. The court took a liberal view favouring the students and said that "it can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." The choice of clothing is a form of expression and extra-constitutional limitations on this freedom are often unacceptable.

Article 25(1) of the Constitution is generous in its text and liberal in its prescription. Dr Ambedkar who stringently criticised the exploitation under the garb of religion, did not underestimate the influence of it in Indian society. He, on the other hand, emphasised the importance of religious freedom. As lawyer Abhinav Chandrachud remarked, ours is a 'republic of religion'.

According to Article 25, freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practise and propagate religion can be restricted only by justifications based on public order, morality, health and other provisions related to the rights in part III of the Constitution. The first explanation to this Article says that the Sikhs can wear or carry Kirpan as it forms a part of the profession of their religion. Beyond the boundaries, the Supreme Court of Canada in *Multani* case (2006) upheld the right of a Sikh student to wear a Kirpan while attending the class, without harming others. The Indian judicial approach too has been equally liberal. In *Bijoe Emmanuel vs State of Kerala* (1986), students belonging to the denomination of Jehovah's Witnesses were allowed to abstain from singing the national anthem that they claimed to contradict their religious faith. In *S R Bommai vs Union of India* (1994), the Supreme Court said that the state should free itself from religious affinity.

> Hijab, if it does not cover the face totally, need not be banned in a classroom. It does not harm others. At the same time, a teacher might want to see the face of the students for effectively conducting the class. A head veil is certainly permissible, whereas a face veil might not be. We need to strike a balance, whenever possible

Religious freedom is the hallmark of pluralism and inclusiveness. It is meant to advance social harmony and diversity. While legitimate restrictions are to be accepted, irrational and motivated intrusion into religious notions should be averted. Even in countries where private discrimination laws are stronger, religious rights were given due prominence. Thus, in *Masterpiece Cakeshop Pvt Ltd* case (2018), a baker's refusal to provide a wedding cake for a same-sex couple was validated by the US Supreme Court accepting his religious beliefs and convictions. In *Ashers Baking Company Ltd* (2018), the UK Supreme Court endorsed another baker's refusal to supply a cake by inscribing a message supporting gay marriage.

As professor Heiner Bielefeldt says, the object of "reasonable accommodation" for religious freedom is "not to privilege religious or belief-related minorities at the expense of the principle of equality" but "to appropriately translate the principles of equality and non-discrimination into different societal contexts". (*Human Rights Quarterly*, February 2013). We need to realise that the idea of fundamental rights is intended to enhance the level of tolerance and mutual respect among the people.

But the Indian tragedy is that the religious fanatics have been keen to use such controversies with a narrow and sectarian goal. Hijab, if it does not cover the face totally, need not be banned in a classroom. It does not harm others. At the same time, a teacher might want to see the face of the students for effectively conducting the class. A head veil is certainly permissible, whereas a face veil might not be. We need to strike a balance, whenever possible. A society riddled with communal polarisation needs to cultivate a constitutional mindset while examining the issues of religious freedom. Pluralism and diversity are values that the country has tried to cultivate since independence. Religious fanaticism, whether by the majority or the minority, has only damaged the secular mosaic.

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REJIGGED SP STRATEGY A NEW DAWN IN BAHUJAN POLITICS?

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Caste is one of the most important drivers of politics in north India. Poll-bound Uttar Pradesh is no exception to this general rule. For long, politics, along with other spheres in north Indian states, were dominated by hierarchically superior castes. A dramatic shift took place in the whole architecture of Indian politics in the 1990s. Uttar Pradesh notably became the biggest site of such a churning. Forging a broad Bahujan identity against the historically powerful castes became the rallying point for emergent lower-caste politics.

How Bahujan parties became representative of few vocal castes: The socially and demographically vibrant groups among the lower castes became the flag-bearers of such a politics. Practically this meant that parties that claimed to represent the entire Bahujan spectrum became units of a few powerful and vocal castes. Social groups that were politically nascent or functioned on the margins of Bahujan parties started to drift away, either forming autonomous political organisations or aligning themselves with other blocs. Instead of bridging this distrust within their own hegemonic formation, parties such as the Samajwadi Party (SP) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) were rather cold in their response to the demands of greater accommodation. They instead took to wooing the upper castes.

To illustrate, let's take the example of the SP. From a high pro-backward stance in the 1990s, it had virtually turned itself into a catch-all party by 2012, the last time it came to power in the state. In fact, in the 2012 elections, it fielded more upper-caste candidates than even its core voting group: the OBCs. Out of 398 candidates, 128 (32.1%) were upper castes and 108 (27.1%) were OBCs, of which nearly 50% (53 out of 108) were Yadavs. The trend continued, more or less, in the 2017 Assembly elections as well.

For the marginalised social groups to be unhappy and drift away towards the BJP seems quite natural with such a skewed electoral strategy. Hence, there is no wonder why political scientist Gilles Verniers frames SP as a conservative and elitist political formation.

Rethinking electoral strategies: In such a context, the first list of candidates announced by the SP points to a rejig in its political strategy. Although the social background of all the candidates is yet to be precisely ascertained, it is clear that the party has charted a new trajectory. To illustrate, out of 159 candidates, 63 are OBCs, among which around 75% (48) of the tickets have been given to the non-Yadav OBCs. Also, there seems to be a significant reduction in the number of seats allotted to the upper-caste candidates.

It remains to be seen whether such a political strategy would translate into concrete electoral dividends. Nonetheless, this must be seen as a welcome step, considering the minuscule number of tickets that were given to the non-powerful OBCs in the earlier elections. Welcome because the Samajwadis generally fought the polls on the backward versus forward plank, unacknowledging the uneven nature of caste hierarchy within the former.

> It is important to keep in mind that politics is about imagining and constructing newer bases of identity, which always has a logic of temporality and contingency attached to it. Political identities are transitory and take huge efforts to be constructed. However, once certain cleavages or issues have been successfully brought to the table, there is no turning back

BJPs rise and the fragmentation of Bahujan politics: The BJP's rise signifies not only a consolidation of conservative social groups but also a further transitioning of power to hitherto non-politicised groups and issues of social life. It has brought to the fore the concerns of the lower OBCs and signalled a further percolation of political power. It is precisely in this sense that the fragmentation of Bahujan politics has been productive. Hence, if Bahujan politics has to be revitalised, it has to be reimagined along these newer fault lines.

However, the BJP's social engineering has not been without its challenges. If anything, the recent exodus of prominent OBC leaders from the party signals the impending implosion of its alliance of extremes. Thus, Akhilesh Yadav's outreach to accommodate newly politicised groups, to make a dent in the BJP seems to be a step in the right direction.

Bahujan hegemony and the Samajwadi strategy: Faced with the tectonic rise of the BJP in UP, this seems to be the only viable strategy for the SP. However, for Samajwadis to remain politically relevant, they need to have a long-term view of politics. While the SP has recently transformed its organisational demography by giving representation to the lower OBCs, the need is to institutionalise the same with measures such as reservation in the party structure.

Continued gender blindness, evident in the dismal presence of women candidates, is another area on which Bahujan politics needs to systematically work on. Electorally too, it is unwise to ignore gender as a potential political constituency, especially in the light of the Congress party's move of fielding a large number of women candidates.

It is important to keep in mind that politics is about imagining and constructing newer bases of identity, which always has a logic of temporality and contingency attached to it. In this sense, there are no pre-given or automatic political cleavages or identities, as traditional Marxists would have us believe. Political identities are transitory and take huge efforts to be constructed. However, once certain cleavages or issues have been successfully brought to the table, there is no turning back.

If Bahujan politics in Uttar Pradesh and larger north India, has to remain viable, it can no longer afford to wish away the changes that the BJP's rise has brought about. To make its way through the changing dynamics of the social labyrinth is the only available option.

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Nightingale no more

It is difficult to imagine India without its nightingale Lata Mangeshkar. A singer who left Jawaharlal Nehru in tears with her song *Ae mere watan ke logon* has passed away breaking the hearts of all Indians. Her unmatched voice will remain with us for generations.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Loss of a priceless jewel

With the demise of the Queen of Melody, Lata Mangeshkar, India has lost a priceless crown jewel. Last month, the renowned artiste got admitted to a Mumbai hospital after testing positive for Covid-19. One of India's most significant cultural icons, her voice inspired generations, and her melodies transcended boundaries. She not only ensured hit movies but remained a star-maker too. Her legacy will live on.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

A black day for the nation

It's a black day as the Queen of Melody and the Nightingale of India, Latha Mangeshkar, has passed away. She had been enthralling the nation with her sweet voice for seven decades endlessly.

D V G Sankararao, Vizianagaram

Religious conversion issue

This is with reference to *Rogues can be dressed as priests* (Feb 6). T J S George has discussed very clearly the conversions of Hindus to Christianity and the nuisance inflicted on the society due to the same. This practice has brought tremendous disrepute to Christianity as a religion. The one point that the writer hadn't stressed enough was that all these are rooted in the western countries' expansionist agenda. They do not realise that such practices lead to strained relations.

Manoj Kumar Sinha, Visakhapatnam

Speed up the judicial trial

One of the grave dangers in long-term imprisonment of undertrial prisoners is the criminalising effect on them. First time, circumstantial and young offenders will get corrupted by hardened criminals with whom they come in contact in these overcrowded prisons during their extended stay. It is therefore necessary that the trial process is speeded up to prevent these adverse fallouts.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

Kudos to India U-19

On Saturday, what their senior team was unable to do, the Men in Blue Under-19 achieved for the fifth time. They won the World Cup at Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground. Medium-pacer Raj Bawa's and left-arm seamer Ravi Kumar's brilliant spells and the overall excellent team work made the victory easy for India.

P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

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Extremely saddened by the demise of the Nightingale of India. A big loss for India. Her magical voice shall remain immortal. Om Shanti —Mithali Raj

She took the country to greater heights, all over the world with her singing. Her voice was magical. I visited the hospital and had her darshan. It's the end of an era —Nitin Gadkari

This is very sad news. There is no singer in the world who has sung over 3,000 songs. The SP will do something in her name in the state after coming to power —Akhilesh Yadav

Brief history of exceptional life & career

- Father Pandit Deenanath Mangeshkar a Marathi musician. Mother Shevanti was Gujarati and a homemaker
- Lata eldest of five children. Others Meena, Asha, Usha, Hridaynath. All four are alive
- Other than Asha, who is an eminent singer, Usha and Meena were also playback singers. Hridaynath has been a music director
- Lata started training in singing at the age of 5
- Her first song, presumed to be lost, was released last October, 79 years later
- First recorded song was in 1942 in the Marathi film Kiti Hasaal, when she was 13
- Deenanath's death brought the financial burden of the family on Lata when she was 13
- Lata started singing and acting in a theatre company run by family friend Master Vinayak
- Shot to fame with the song Aayega Aana Wala in the Mahal in 1949. Madhubala was the actor on screen
- In the 60s, Madhubala was once again the face for Lata's voice in Mughal-E-Azam that featured the song Jab Pyaar Kiya to Darna Kya
- The 60s saw the beginning of Lata's collaboration with Laxmikant-Pyarelal with whom she sang over 700 songs over 35 years
- Among others, the 70s saw Lata deliver some specials in Meena Kumari's last film Pakeezah and also Abhimaan
- The 80s showed her versatility. The songs of Silsila, Chandni, Maine Pyar Kiya, Ek Duuje Ke Liye, Prem Rog, Ram Teri Ganga Maili, Masoom were different and Lata excelled in all
- Her notable songs in the 90s and 2000s were from Gulzar's film Lekin and Yash Chopra's Lamhe, Darr, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, Dil To Pagal Hai.
- Lata's last full film album was Veer-Zaara in 2004

EIGHT Decade-long career

25,000 Estimated number of songs

36 Languages she sang in

HER VOICE INFLUENCED EVEN LEGENDS ● WAS KEEN THAT SINGERS & SONGWRITERS GET DUE CREDIT ● LIKED TO SING THE WAY SHE WANTED TO

MELODY QUEEN, DEVOUT PURIST

S RAMACHANDRAN

LIKE most legends, Lata Mangeshkar did not have an easy beginning to her career. Her father was an actor-singer, but in her own words, she "was often confined to the roles of the sister of the hero or the heroine". The chance she got after her father's demise for a Marathi song got scrapped. It seemed like it was not meant to be, but how wrong was she? And how glad are we?

Over the course of my career as a journalist, I have had the good fortune of meeting Lata several times. Lata liked to sing the way she wanted to. She enjoyed the back-and-forth of playback singing when male and female singers sang together and responded to each other's cues. She did not enjoy that technology made it possible for these tracks to be sung separately. She sang during an era when songs had to be sung many dozens of times in their totality before they could be okayed. "One song of *Majboor*, *'Dil Mera Toda'*, was okayed after 32 takes," she told this writer.

"Today you take one line here; you take the *asthayee* separately, the *aalap* later, and you do not remain in the same mood. Honestly, there were great music directors in the past," she said so during an interaction about *Veer Zaara*.

The haunting *Mahal* (1949) song, *'Aayega Aanewala'* proved to be the *'Apna Time Aayega'* for her, resonating as it did with her mentor Ghulam Haider's words, "One day, all composers will come and fall at her feet and ask her to sing for her!" This was said by him when he heard that a leading producer had rejected her voice for being "too thin". Lata grew to a stature from where she rejected many songs, like of the cabaret variety, for instance. Her sister, Asha Bhosle, was a beneficiary, but she would have none of this talk. "Asha is versatile and can sing anything. It should never be said that I gave cabaret songs to her," she would say, keen to ensure Asha got her due.

Mahal was a hit, and yet, Lata's name did not feature on the album. The credit was given to Kamini, the character Madhubala played, as the filmmakers did not want the audience to know that there was a playback singer involved. When the song came out though, everyone could see Madhubala hadn't sung it, and HMV got flooded with letters demanding the name of the singer.

Lata never really got any awards in the beginning but today a whole auditorium can scarcely hold them. "I requested Raj Kapoor to add my name in the titles and that's how my first credit happened. I think it was for *Barsaat*," she told this writer. From then on, she was keen that singers and songwriters get due credit, even if she had to fight with Mohammed Rafi and eventually stop singing with him after he supposedly called her *'maharani'*. Today, there's little doubt she's very much a *maharani*.

Following the success of her contributions in *Barsaat* (1949) and her *aalap* in *Raag Bhairavi*, Kapoor realised the power of Lata's voice and ensured that she would sing an *aalap* in each of his films. For *Awara* (1950), he cancelled what he called a 'popatiya song' and added an *aalap* to *'Ghar Aaya Mera Pardesi'*. Her recording for this song was completed at 3am and the entire team sat on the road and had their dinner, and then, Lata left. Where her career has taken her since is household talk across the country now. She departs now, a *maharani*, a fierce nightingale. Sayonara, legend. *Tere bina jiya laage na!*

(The author is a journalist, historian and filmmaker. He has been writing on cinema and music since 1987)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Asha Bhosle (second from left) and other family members of Lata Mangeshkar, in Mumbai on Sunday | TWITTER

(clockwise from top left) Amitabh Bachchan arrives at the cremation site with daughter Shweta; Sachin Tendulkar and wife Anjali pay their respects; Shah Rukh prays for the departed soul; Lata Mangeshkar's last rites being performed in Shivaji Park in Mumbai on Sunday | PTI

In her birthplace, a rare museum of gramophone records in 32 languages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE house in Indore's Sikh Mohalla locality, where legendary singer Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar was born on September 28, 1929, is now history, as it has been replaced by the Mehta Cloth Center, which now remembers Lata Didi with a mural within the shop.

However, around 22 km away in the same city, the Pigdambar village houses the Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Gramophone Records Sangrahalaya — a rare museum of gramophone records preserving the rarest of rare collections of songs sung by Lata Didi between 1955 and 2006.

The museum located close to the Indian Institute of Management (IIM-Indore) campus isn't a government creation, but instead being run since 1970 by 70-year-old Suman Chourasia, a die-hard Lata Mangeshkar fan, who is loved by the Mangeshkar family as Lata Didi's second brother, after Hridaynath Mangeshkar.

The museum of gramophone records located in the house of the Chourasia family (which migrated to Indore from East UP's Jaunpur district over 150 years ago) is a treasure house of 45,000-plus rarest of rare gramophone records of Indian films, folk and classical music, including 7,500-plus records of Lata Didi's songs.

"This museum dedicated to Lata Didi was started in 1970 and preserves 7,500-plus gramophone records of her songs sung in 32 languages, spanning from the 1955 film Uran Khatola to 2006 film *Rang De Basanti*. Even Lata Didi's family has sourced from us the rarest of rare records, which even they didn't possess," recounted Suman Chourasia, who has been regarded as a family member by the Mangeshkar family.

"It is Lata Didi's nephew Baijnath who has been sourcing from me, her rarest of rare songs since last two decades," said Chourasia, whose love for preserving the gramophone records at the museum, despite financial crunch, forced him to sell his agricultural and residential plots as well as wife Neelima's jewellery to source the rarest records, not only from India, but also abroad.

"My wife has stood by me even in most trying situations and never allowed the Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Gramophone Records Museum to halt its operations," he added.

Her mesmerising voice filled the lives of every generation around the globe. It's not possible to put in words her contribution to the music world. This is a personal loss

Amit Shah, home minister

With the death of Lata Mangeshkar the subcontinent has lost one of the truly great singers the world has known. Listening to her gave so much pleasure to so many people

Imran Khan, Pakistan PM

Lata Ji enthralled music lovers in India and around the globe with her mellifluous & sublime voice. She was a musical 'Ratna' and ruled Hindi cinema like a queen for decades

Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President

She remained the most beloved voice of India for decades. Her golden voice is immortal & will continue to echo in the hearts of fans. My condolences to her family

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

Like all her fans and followers, I was mesmerised by her voice and renderings, and felt grateful that she held Bengal and the artistes of the East so dear to her heart

Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

The popular singing voice which gave soul to hopes, dreams & aspirations of many generations of Indians since our independence is no more. Personal loss for all Indians

Sitaram Yechury, CPM

VIPs descend on Mumbai to bid farewell to legend

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

PROMINENT personalities from different walks of life descended on Mumbai on Sunday as legendary playback singer Lata Mangeshkar was given final farewell with full state honours. She was undergoing treatment at a hospital in the city.

"Lata Di died at 8.12 am due to multi-organ failure after over 28 days of Covid-19 diagnosis," Dr Pratit Samdani, Breach Candy hospital, told mediapersons.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flew from New Delhi to pay his last respects to the 'nightingale' of the nation. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and cricketer Sachin Tendulkar were among the long list of VIPs who attended the funeral at Shivaji Park. The mortal remains of Lata Mangeshkar, draped in the national flag, were taken in a truck from her residence in south Mumbai to Shivaji Park for the last rites. Just before the last rites, the national tricolour in which the mortal remains were draped, was handed over to the family members.

Maharashtra government has declared Monday as a state holiday to mourn the Bharat Ratna awardees' departure. CM Thackeray said the demise of Lata Mangeshkar means the end of a music era. "Lata Didi is no more physically among us now, but her songs and voice will be always remembered in ages and ages. Her voice crosses all barriers and borders and appeals to all sections of society," he said.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar called the singer a "legend". "Today, we lost the voice that appealed to millions of hearts across the globe," he said.

WHEN PAK DICTATOR CONFESSED ADMIRATION

New Delhi: Pakistani dictator General Muhammad Zia ul Haq, who is known for banning music and fine arts featuring women, could not remain untouched from the voice of Lata Mangeshkar and had once himself confessed that he was an admirer of her. According to an old interview, Zia confessed his admiration for Mangeshkar while talking with late journalist Kuldip Nayar in 1982. Nayar poked Zia by asking that the Indians say that whenever they want to bring some cultural troupe, it is not quite welcome in Pakistan. Zia said, "I am the man responsible. I myself am fond of Lata Mangeshkar but if you want to send her to Pakistan to sing, I'll say not now because it is not compatible with the current Pakistani spirit." ENS

When young singer thought Kishore Kumar was 'following' her to studio

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

IN her book *'Lata Mangeshkar: In Her Own Voice'*, documentary maker and author Nasreen Munni Kabeer writes that the singing icon recalled with great amusement the first time she met Kishore Kumar on her way to the Bombay Talkies studio.

Mangeshkar said she was working with Khemchand Prakash on 1949's *'Ziddi'* when she crossed paths with Kishore Kumar. Mangeshkar had taken the local train to Malad, a suburb in Mumbai, where Bombay Talkies was situated. Kishore Kumar's elder brother and actor Ashok Kumar was the owner of Bombay Talkies.

Kishore Kumar was also in the same compartment, seated close to Mangeshkar and also got down at the Malad station and was virtually walking behind her till she reached the studio. "I would take the train to Malad and one day Kishore da got on at the next stop. I thought he looked very familiar and wondered who he was. We both got off at Malad. Bombay Talkies studio was a long way from the station and that day I decided to take a *taanga*. And Kishore *da* hired one too," Mangeshkar told Kabeer for the book.

Mangeshkar thought Kishore Kumar was stalking her and complained to music composer Khemchand Prakash, the musician credited with discovering the singer, on reaching her destination. "We rode along and finally we both entered the studio. I thought to myself, 'something strange is going on here. This fellow is following me'," she recalled.

"I asked Khemchand ji: 'Uncle, who is this boy? He's following me'," Prakash cleared her confusion. "He laughed and said: 'He's Kishore. Ashok Kumar's brother.' That day we recorded our first duet *'Ye Kaun Aya Re Karke Sola Singar'*."

Tryst with Urdu

In 1947 when Lata Mangeshkar met Dilip Kumar for the first time, he expressed doubts over her pronunciation, prompting her to get Urdu lessons from a maulana. "The remark that Yousuf Bhai made when he found out that I am a Maharashtrian is something that I cherish because it made me seek the perfection I then lacked in my Hindi and Urdu diction. He said very truthfully that singers who were not conversant with the Urdu invariably tripped in the pronunciation of words derived from the language," she had said.

Deeply saddened to hear about the demise of Lata ji. Her melodious songs touched millions around the world. Thank you for all the music and memories

Virat Kohli, cricketer

There can be no greater tribute to our unity than Lata Didi. If anyone represented all of India, it was her lending her incomparable voice to songs in 36 languages.

Gautam Adani, industrialist

I am saddened by the news of the demise of Lata Mangeshkar, who has also lent her melodious voice to many Nepalese songs. I offer my heartfelt tribute to the genius with extraordinary talent

Bidya Devi Bhandari, Nepal Prez

IIT'S SALINE SOLUTION

Researchers at IIT, Gandhinagar, have developed a cost-effective and environment-friendly desalination technique to make seawater potable by removing over 99% of salt ions and other impurities

3 INTRUDERS GUNNED DOWN ALONG PAK BORDER IN J&K

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	14	Mumbai	32	20
Bhopal	26	10	Panaji	31	20
Jaipur	25	10	Patna	18	12
Amritsar	20	08	Lucknow	22	09
Chennai	32	23	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	24	15	Imphal	23	05
Srinagar	09	02	Chandigarh	19	08

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 DECIDE

Upset Jakhar says bye to electoral politics

Ex-PCC chief refutes reports that he was leaving the party, says not being seen on ground as he is not contesting

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

FORMER Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar said he was quitting from active electoral politics but continue to serve the party

"I am not part of electoral politics anymore but would continue to serve the Congress," Jakhar told this newspaper while negating reports that he was quitting the party. The Congress leader claimed that he wasn't actively campaigning because he wasn't contesting.

Earlier in the day, Kanwar Sandhu, the legislator from the Kharar assembly constituency, had tweeted claiming that Jakhar, Sidhu's predecessor in the post, has retired from politics. What added to the speculation of his exit was a recent viral video in which Jakhar was heard claiming that after Amarinder Singh's exit from the post of chief minister, he was the first choice of MLAs and Channi the last. The video had caused a flutter in the Punjab political circles as the Congress state unit was till recently caught in factional war between heavyweights Channi and Navjot Singh Sidhu.

Jakhar, the chairman of the campaign committee of the party, had earlier been supporting Charanjit Singh Channi's candidature for CM's post. He had reiterated that one cannot change the horse at this time.

At the party rally in Ludhiana, Jakhar who was apparently miffed with the Congress high command, heaped praises on Rahul Gandhi. Making Channi the chief minister of Punjab following Amarinder Singh's exit was the greatest political decision that Rahul has ever taken, he claimed.

Sources said that Jakhar was the frontrunner for the post of chief minister when Amarinder Singh resigned and that he was even sounded about the possibility of being installed in the chair. But Channi trumped the CM race at the last minute, they said, adding that the ex-PCC chief was upset with the party ever since.

In the video that had gone viral, Jakhar while campaigning for his nephew Sandeep in Abohar is seen telling a group of people that when Amarinder Singh resigned as CM and the Congress high command asked all the 79 MLAs who was their first choice as Chief Minister, they replied he was the choice of the majority.

"After Amarinder resigned, the party high command told all the 79 MLAs to inform it whom they want as the CM. Forty-two of the MLAs took my name, 16 to Sukhjinder Randhawa, 12 to Preneet Kaur, 6 to Punjab Congress Chief Navjot Singh Sidhu and 2 to Charanjit Singh Channi," he is heard saying.

Sunil Jakhar (extreme right) had thrown his weight behind Charanjit Singh Channi (extreme left) instead of Navjot Singh Sidhu | PTI

> I am not part of electoral politics anymore, but would continue to serve the Congress
>
> SUNIL JAKHAR, former Punjab Congress president

Owaisi ally claims receiving threats

Budaun: Days after bullets were fired at AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi's car in Pilkhuwa of Hapur district, his poll partner and former state minister Babu Singh Kushwaha on Sunday claimed he and the Hyderabad MP have been getting threats. Kushwaha, convenor of the newly-launched Bhagidari Parivartan Morcha, said, 'Owaisi told me that after the formation of the Morcha, he is getting death threats. I told him that I am also getting threats. We took the threats as a joke but the threats proved to be true," Kushwaha said.

Rahul Gandhi had recently performs Ganga Aarti in Haridwar | FILE

PM's Sangam Aarti in Devprayag

Dehradun: After Congress leader Rahul Gandhi participated in 'Ganga Aarti' on the banks of Ganga in Haridwar on Saturday, BJP has planned the a 'Sangam Aarti' by PM Narendra Modi in Devprayag in Tehri district at the confluence of rivers Bhagirathi and Alaknanda. State party functionaries said the focus is on turning the tide in the favour of BJP. "There are seats where anti-incumbency is strong, especially in the hill constituencies. We plan to organise events coupled with virtual tours, to counter the religious card played by Congress," a BJP insider said.

Varsity for Vajpayee village: Akhilesh

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

SAMAJWADI Party leader Akhilesh Yadav promised to construct a university in the name of BJP stalwart and former prime minister Atal Behari Vajpayee at his native Bateshwar village in Bah constituency of Agra on Sunday.

Condemning the Yogi Adityanath government for not fulfill the promise to set up a university in Vajpayee's name, Akhilesh promised to make Bah a district if his party came to power.

The SP chief also promised to upgrade the Bateshwar fair and take it to international level. Sensing the pulse of the ground, he assured the voters of Bah constituency of renovating ghats and temples. The former chief minister also said his government would Bah a district.

Akhilesh also mocked Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath who in a recent statement had said he would "cool down" after March 10, the day for the announcement of elections result, those heightening passions. "The chief minister is talking about cooling down. But we will only talk about announcing recruitments in the police for youngsters of the state," he said.

Later, Akhilesh also addressed the people of Karhal Assembly constituency from where he will be in fray in the upcoming assembly polls.

"The way the wind is blowing and seeing the atmosphere (of elections), it seems the eyes and ears of the (BJP) government will open in the first phase itself," said the former UP chief minister.

While making scores of promise to the voters of Karhal, the Samajwadi Party chief reiterated his promise of providing 22 lakh jobs in IT sector and making Uttar Pradesh an IT hub, besides taking care of *shikshamitras*, TET aspirants, ASHAs and *anganwadi* workers if voted to power.

Manipur oppn alliance unfazed by resignations

GUWAHATI: Even as 48 CPI workers resigned over the alliance with the Congress, the main opposition party and six-party Manipur Progressive Secular Alliance played down the episode by calling it a "local issue".

CPI national executive member Dr M Nara said the resignations followed "some misunderstanding". "It's a local issue which will be resolved," Nara said, adding the differences cropped up over denial of ticket to a party leader. "One of our leaders, who had lost in the last election, was looking forward to contesting this time again. However, after having negotiations for one and a half month, it was decided that the Left would not be contesting in many seats. So, two CPI candidates were fielded."

He said as fighting an election entails a lot of factors, the other Left parties refrained from fielding candidates and decided to support the Congress-led formation. "We don't have many potential candidates this time," a candid Nara said. "It's not that the Congress didn't allow us to contest."

Similarly, Congress spokesman K Debabrata said even if 500 CPI workers desert the party, it would not affect the alliance's prospects. "Some in the CPI may not like to support the Congress as they must have aligned with the BJP earlier. Our concern is that majority of people remain in the party and support us."

While Nara did not take the name of the leader who was miffed over denial of ticket, the aspirant is believed to be party's state executive member Haobam Robindro. *ENS*

VIRUS METER (FEB 5 / FEB 6)	UTTAR PRADESH		MANIPUR		GOA		PUNJAB		UTTARAKHAND	
Fresh cases	3,555	2,779	217	201	472	472	1,379	777	844	585
Deaths	17	15	2	4	6	6	25	22	15	9
Positivity rate (%)	1.84	1.6	12.4	10	10	18	3.3	2.68	4.81	3.36

EC DECISION

Ban on rallies remains, but restrictions on meets relaxed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AFTER reviewing the Covid situation and getting feedback from the states, the Election Commission ban on roadshows, 'pad yatras', cycle and vehicle rallies but relaxed norms for indoor and outdoor meets.

For indoor rallies, a 50 per cent of sitting capacity is now allowed, while it is 30 per cent for outdoor rallies.

The new relaxations will help political parties hold bigger physical campaigning events in the run up to the polls in the five states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, Punjab and Manipur. The campaigning for Phase-I of the UP election ends on February 8 evening.

On Saturday, the EC had held a meeting with the health secretary to assess the coronavirus pandemic situation and sought inputs from chief secretaries and chief electoral officers of the poll-bound states. The chief secretaries told the EC that there had been a "significant improvement" in the Covid situation and a "considerable decrease" in positive cases and hospitalisation. Most of the chief secretaries and the special observers appointed for the polls recommended easing restrictions, it said.

"The Union health secretary briefed the Commission that the peak of COVID had reached on January 21/22 after that all-India figures are fast receding from around 2.93 lakh to 1.72 lakh," the EC said.

Restrictions on outdoor and indoor meetings, rallies will be further relaxed if the number of persons will be limited to maximum of 50 per cent of the capacity of indoor halls and 30 per cent of the open ground capacity or as fixed by district poll officer, it said.

"If the SDMA has set the ceiling limits or percentage of the capacity for number of persons attending indoor hall or open ground and they are stricter, SDMA guidelines will prevail," the EC added.

UP, Haryana top list of states clearing real estate plaints

KUMAR VIKRAM @New Delhi

UTTAR Pradesh and Haryana top the list of states in grievances settled related to real estate. With a total 33,463 complaints disposed so far, Uttar Pradesh has seen the maximum number of grievance reddressal. In all, 83,740 such cases were settled by Real Estate Regulatory Authorities (RERA) of various states.

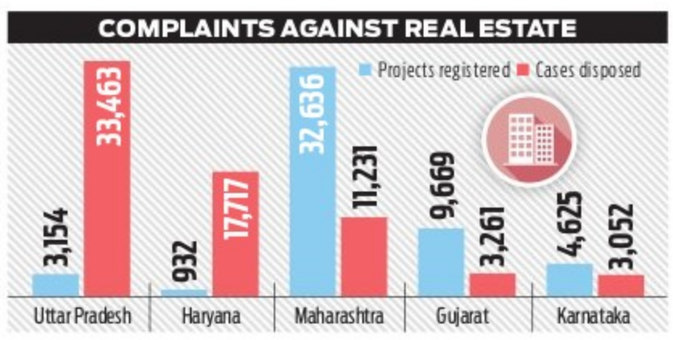
All states/UTs have notified rules under RERA except Nagaland. A total of 30 states/UTs have set up RERAs and as per latest information from the ministry of urban affairs, 74,088 real estate projects have been registered under the provisions of RERA.

The state-wise data discloses that Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka have registered maximum number of projects under RERA, while the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Maharashtra have disposed of maximum number of cases. A total of 32,636 projects are registered in Maharashtra while Gujarat and Karnataka have recorded registration of 9,669 and 4,625 projects under RERA.

However, as far as complaints and their disposal are concerned, states like UP and Haryana have seen the most of it. In all, 33,463 complaints against various real estate companies have been disposed in Uttar Pradesh. Haryana has recorded 17,717 cases. Uttar Pradesh and Haryana have comparatively lesser number of projects registered — 3,154 and 923.

An industry expert said that large scale irregularities in the real estate projects of the NCR cities including Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram and Faridabad have been reported in RERA offices for disposal.

The Centre enacted the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA) to protect the interests of consumers. Provisions under Section 13 of RERA deal with "agreement for sale" and restrict the promoter from accepting any deposit or advance from the allottee, without first entering into an agreement for sale. Further, as per section 84(2)(h) of RERA, the appropriate government has to notify rules, which include form and particulars of the 'agreement for sale' under Section 13(2).



Panel proposes 17 new Assembly seats in Jammu, 12 in Kashmir

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN its second draft report, the Delimitation Commission has proposed removal of 22 Assembly seats and creation of 29 new ones by redrawing boundaries of the existing and expunged seats in Jammu and Kashmir.

The draft report has been rejected by all Kashmir-based parties including PDP, National Conference, Apni Party, and People's Conference.

Of the 22 Assembly seats proposed to be removed, 11 each are in Kashmir and Jammu. Four out of eight existing seats, including Habba Kadal, in Srinagar have been removed while five out of 11 existing seats in Jammu dropped. Two seats each were removed in Reasi (Jammu) and Baramulla and Kulgam (Kashmir).

As for the proposed 29 new constituencies, there are seven additional seats — one in Kashmir and six in Jammu. Additionally, 17 new constituencies are in Jammu and 12 in Kashmir. In Kashmir, one seat has been totally removed from Kulgam district and additional seat was adjusted in Anantnag district. Kupwara is also allotted an additional seat.

The total number of Assembly seats proposed is 90 (47 in Kashmir and 43 in Jammu), up from the previous 87 (46 in Kashmir, 37 in Jammu and 4 in Ladakh). In the proposed 9 ST seats for ST, six are in Jammu and 3 in Kashmir. All the seven SC seats are reserved for Jammu.

National Conference general secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar said the report was a sheer mockery of universally accepted and constitutionally established norms of representation. The PDP alleged that the Commission has proved itself to be as a frontal organisation of the BJP.

Peoples Conference claimed that the delimitation was an attempt to disempower and disenfranchise Kashmiris. Apni Party termed the process "unfair and unscientific".

Ikkjut Jammu chairman Ankur Sharma termed the proposal of clubbing Rajouri and Poonch with south Kashmir was a decisive step towards implementing Dixon Plan.

CONSTITUENCIES TO BE DISSOLVED

Gulabgarh, Gool Arnas, Chhamb, Raipur-Domana, Suchetgarh, Nagrota, Gandhinagar, Kathua, Udhampur, Kalakote, Inderwal, Zadibal, Habba Kadal, Amira Kadal, Batamaloo, Sangrama, Gulmarg, Wachi, Home Shalibugh, Noorabad, Kokernag and Shangus.

NEW CONSTITUENCIES

Mata Vaishno Devi, Mahore, Jammu south, Bahu, Bhalwal-Nagrota, Jammu north, Khour, Kathua north, Kathua south, Udhampur East, Udhampur West, Thanamandi, Sunderbani-Kalakote, Doda West, Mughal Maidan, Paddar, Ramgarh, south Srinagar, Chanapora, Zoonimar, central Shalteng, Trehgam, Tangmarg, Kunzer, Zainapora, D H pora, Larnoo, Anantnag West, Anantnag East.

EXPRESS READ

7 J'khand workers return from Mali

Ranchi: The safe return of Jharkhand labourers, who were stuck in Mali, for the last three months, has finally been started following intervention of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. The first batch of seven migrants returned on Saturday. Altogether, 33 migrant workers were involved in a power transmission line laying project in Africa.

Chirag's rally to highlight joblessness

Patna: The Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas faction will take out a procession in Patna on February 15 to highlight the issue of unemployment in Bihar. Chirag Paswan told the media that as part of the long-term agitation, the party would first take out a protest march from JP roundabout near Gandhi Maidan to Raj Bhavan on February 15.

Four hours in queue, Bihar farmer dies while waiting to procure urea

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

IN trouble for the Bigar government, a farmer from Saran district died while he was standing outside a licensed fertilizer dealer's shop for his turn to procure fertiliser for wheat crop sown in over three acres of land.

Incidentally, the shortage of fertilizer, especially urea, has led to protests in different parts of the state in last 15 days.

The deceased, Ram Babu Singh, 50, a resident of Andharbari village under Taraiya block in Saran district, fainted at around 8 am on Saturday while standing for more than four hours at Taraiya Bazar.

He was rushed to Taraiya referral hospital from where he was referred to the Sadar hospital at Chhapra. However, he died on way to Chhapra.

Sources said that there were 11 fertiliser dealers under Taraiya block in Saran.

The farmer's son, Raj Kumar, said his father was in the queue since 4 am. "He has been running from pillar to post for fertiliser for the last 15 days but in vain. On Saturday, he left for the dealer's shop in the hope to get a packet of Urea."

Abhishek Ranjan, an official posted at the Saran district agriculture office, said that a report about the death of Ram Babu Singh was sent to his department. "I can not share more information on the issue," he told this newspaper over phone on Sunday.

Kumar alleged that a packet of Urea was sold for ₹600 in black market, forcing most of the farmers to stand in queue for hours to get the fertiliser.

Sputnik Light vax gets nod for emergency use

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE country's apex drug regulator has granted emergency use permission to the single-dose Sputnik Light Covid vaccine in India, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Sunday.

In a tweet, he said the emergency use approval of the single-dose vaccine would boost India's fight against Covid. "This is the 9th #COVID19 vaccine in the country. This will further strengthen the nation's collective fight against the pandemic," he tweeted.

The decision comes days after the subject expert panel on vaccines recommended to the drug regulator that emergency use authorisation (EUA) be granted to the single-dose Sputnik Light vaccine.

Based on a human adenovirus vector platform, Sputnik Light was developed by Russia's Gamaleya Center.

In October last year, the government had approved the export of Sputnik Light, which is manufactured in India by the Hetero Biopharma Limited.

Sputnik Light is identical to component-1 of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine that has been used in India's vaccination drive.

Health officials in Russia had authorised the one-shot Sputnik Light version for use in May last year. As per the vaccine developer Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF), a one-shot vaccination regimen of Sputnik Light provides for ease of administration and helps to increase the efficacy and duration of other vaccines when used as a booster shot.

India has administered close to 12 lakh doses of Sputnik V to the country's adult population.

100
ampules of diazepam, morphine and phenergan each were seized from an Indian arrested in Nepal

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	6	-7	LC	Los Angeles	25	10	SNY
Colombo	32	23	LC	Melbourne	29	14	SNY
Dhaka	24	13	SNY	Moscow	1	-1	SW
Dubai	22	18	SNY	New York	5	2	SW
Houston	17	1	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	13	5	SNY	Toronto	2	-5	LC
London	11	9	LC	Washington	7	-2	LC

Russia has massed 70% of forces needed to invade Ukraine, says US

Moscow calls assessment 'scaremongering', Ukraine holds on to diplomatic possibilities

WASHINGTON/KYIV

RUSSIA has assembled at least 70% of the military firepower it likely intends to have in place by mid-month to give President Vladimir Putin the option of launching a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, US officials say.

The officials, who discussed internal assessments of the Russian buildup on condition they not be identified, sketched out a series of indicators suggesting Putin intends an invasion in coming weeks, although the size and scale are unclear. They stressed that a diplomatic solution appears to remain possible.

Among those military indicators: an exercise of Russia's strategic nuclear forces that usually is held each fall was rescheduled for mid-February to March. That coincides with what US officials see as the most likely window for invasion.

The officials made no suggestion that a prospective conflict would involve the use of nuclear weapons, but the Russian exercise — likely involving the test-launching of unarmed long-range missiles on Russian territory — could be used as a message aimed at deterring the West from intervening in Ukraine.

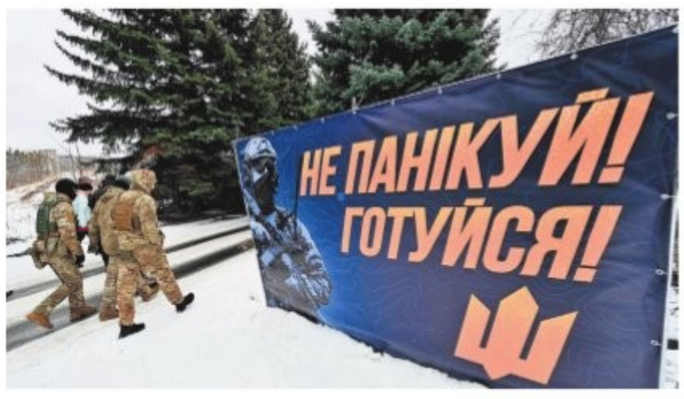
US officials have said in recent weeks that a Russian invasion could overwhelm Ukraine's military relatively quickly, although Moscow might find it difficult to sustain an occupation and cope with a potential insurgency.

Meanwhile, Russia labelled the US' assessment as "scaremongering". Russia's deputy ambassador to the United Nations, Dmitry Polyanskiy, reacted to a headline of a report in *The Washington Post* that said 'Russia could seize Kyiv in days and cause 50,000 civilian deaths in Ukraine', calling the headline "madness and scaremongering."

"Madness and scaremongering continues..what if we would say that US could seize London in a week and cause 300K civilian deaths? All this based on our intelligence sources that we won't disclose. Would it feel right for Americans and Britts? It's as wrong for Russians and Ukrainians," Polyanskiy wrote on Twitter.

Ukraine too pushed back at the "apocalyptic predictions". "Do not believe the apocalyptic predictions. Different capitals have different scenarios, but Ukraine is ready for any development," Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba wrote on Twitter. "Today, Ukraine has a strong army, unprecedented international support and the faith of Ukrainians in their country. It is the enemy who should fear us."

The country's Presidency advisor Mykhailo Podolyak insisted that the chances of finding a diplomatic solution to the crisis remained "substantially higher than the threat of further escalation". *Agencies*



Ukrainian soldiers walk past a hoarding that reads "Don't panic! Get ready!" prior to taking part in a weapons training session in Kyiv on Sunday | AFP

More troops in Poland to deter 'war aims'

Rzeszo: A large contingent of US troops landed in Poland on Sunday as part of a reinforcement due to tensions with Russia, with their commander saying they aimed to deter "any war aims" and defend NATO if needed.

Not sending forces to start war: US NSA

US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan informed the media on Sunday that Biden "is not sending forces to start a war or fight a war with Russia in Ukraine". "We have sent forces to Europe to defend NATO territory," he said.

Members of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) deploy outside Ghwayran prison in Syria's northeastern city of Hasakah on January 26 | AFP

'Minors still detained in Syria jail attacked by IS'

MOSCOW

THE United Nations said on Sunday that minors were still being detained in a northeast Syria prison attacked last month by the Islamic State group, calling their conditions "precarious".

International rights groups, including Save the Children and Human Rights Watch have previously said that 700 boys had been in the Ghwayran jail before the January 20 operation. Aged between 12 and 18, they include many who had adult relatives inside the prison and were transferred from nearby displacement camps housing thousands of children of jihadist fighters. "UNICEF met with some of the children still detained in the Ghwayran detention centre," the UN's child agency said in a statement. "Despite some of the basic services now in place, the situation of these children is incredibly precarious," it added.

Farhad Shami of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said "hundreds" of minors were still being held in Ghwayran, refusing to disclose an exact figure. "They are being kept in a safe place," he said.

The IS prison break attempt from the Ghwayran jail in Hasakeh city triggered a week of clashes inside and around the Kurdish-run facility, leaving hundreds dead, before Kurdish-led forces recaptured the jail. *AFP*

N. Korea seeks to produce nukes: Report

UNITED NATIONS

NORTH KOREA has continued to develop its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes including its capability to produce nuclear device components in violation of UN Security Council resolutions, UN experts said in a new report.

The panel of experts said in the executive summary of the report that there was "a marked acceleration" of Pyongyang's testing and demonstration of new short-range and possibly medium-range missiles through January, "incorporating both ballistic and guidance technologies and using both solid and liquid propellants".

"New technologies tested included a possible hypersonic guiding warhead and a maneuverable re-entry vehicle," the panel said. North Korea also demonstrated "increased capabilities for rapid deployment, wide mobility (including at sea), and improved resilience of its missile forces".

In recent months, North Korea has launched a variety of weapons systems and threatened to lift the four-year moratorium on more serious weapons tests such as nuclear explosions and ICBM launches. *AP*

UK's 'PM-in-line' Sunak says he attended lockdown party

LONDON

UK's Indian-origin Chancellor Rishi Sunak has admitted to attending Prime Minister Boris Johnson's lockdown birthday party in 2020 but refused to say what happened when he entered the room and claimed he was there for a meeting to discuss the Covid crisis. The revelation comes at a time when Sunak's name is doing the rounds as a frontrunner to replace Johnson as the PM.

His comments came after Johnson's five aides, including longstanding policy chief Munira Mirza, chief of staff Dan Rosenfield, principal private secretary Martin Reynolds and communications director Jack Doyle, resigned from their posts within hours of each other on Thursday. They stepped down after a damning probe revealed that multiple parties took place at Downing Street while the rest of the UK was living under lockdown rules.

Sunak, who lives next door to the PM, also reportedly attended a surprise birthday party for Johnson in June 2020. *PTI*

SOUTH ASIA MOURNS PASSING OF 'QUEEN OF MUSIC'

NEW DELHI

INDIANS were not alone in mourning the Sunday demise of the 'Nightingale of India' — legendary playback singer Lata Mangeshkar. Tributes poured in from prominent figures and eminent personalities from across all spheres of life in other South Asian countries, reflecting her impact that transcended borders.

Pakistani politicians, artists, cricketers and journalists mourned the death of Mangeshkar, terming it the "darkest day in the world of music". While Prime Minister Imran Khan said the subcontinent has lost one of the truly great singers the world has known, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry said in a tweet that Mangeshkar's death marked the end of an era in music.

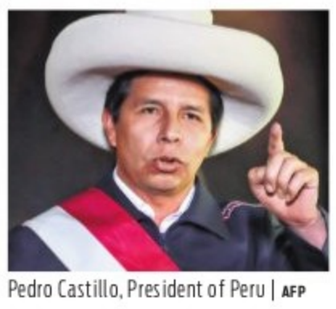
"Mangeshkar is a legend whose memory will remain in our midst for centuries through her melodious voice," Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa tweeted. "Rest In Peace Srimathi #LataMangeshkar, India's Queen of Music who touched billions of hearts through her golden and unparalleled voice," he said, sharing a photograph of the legendary singing icon. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in a tweet said, "Rest In Peace Nightingale of #India, #LataMangeshkar. Thank you for the decades of entertainment that transcended borders & gave life to the phrase 'music is a universal language'".

Lata Mangeshkar | AFP FILES

Condoling the death of the "empress of music", Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina said that Mangeshkar's demise has created a "great void in the subcontinent's musical arena". In a separate message, President Abdul Hamid also expressed his profound shock and sorrow at the death of the legendary singer and expressed condolences to the bereaved family.

Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari recalled the contribution of "genius" Lata Mangeshkar to Nepali songs. "I am saddened by the news of the demise of famous Indian singer Lata Mangeshkar, who has also lent her melodious voice to many Nepalese songs," Bhandari tweeted in Nepali language. *PTI*

The magic of Lata's voice will live forever. Wherever Urdu is spoken and understood, there are crowds of people saying goodbye to Lata Mangeshkar — Fawad Chaudhry, Pak Information & Broadcasting Minister


Pedro Castillo, President of Peru | AFP

Peru prez sacks PM accused of domestic abuse

LIMA

PERUVIAN President Pedro Castillo dumped his prime minister Friday just three days after appointing him, amid outrage over revelations he was accused of domestic violence in 2016. "I have decided to recompose the cabinet," the president said, meaning Prime Minister Hector Valer Pinto is out.

The leftist Castillo announced the change in a brief television address in which he did not mention Pinto by name. When he names a new cabinet, it will be his fourth since taking power six months ago.

Valer Pinto, 62, first came under pressure Thursday when newspapers reported that in 2016 his wife and university-age daughter reported him for domestic violence.

On Friday, before the president pushed him out, the speaker of congress urged the prime minister to resign. Three ministers also challenged him, with Foreign Minister Cesar Landa writing on Twitter that "public service requires officials free of such accusations."

Valer Pinto responded to the news reports by denying he was an "abuser" and said he was never convicted of domestic violence. He insisted he would stay on in his job unless congress passed a no confidence motion. *AFP*

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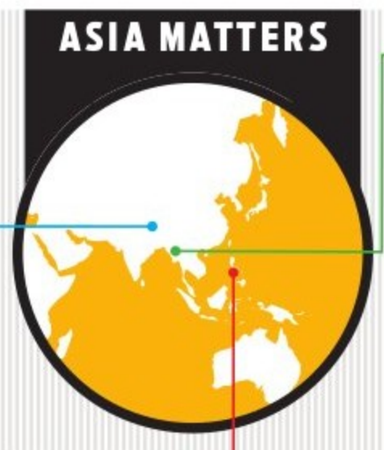

NEPAL

Schools demand reopening as virus cases decline

Kathmandu: Schools in Nepal on Sunday demanded the reopening of physical classes that were shut down for weeks, as the number of Covid cases began to decline. Teachers say online education was limited to only a small part of the population living in the urban parts of the country while a majority were being deprived of their chance to learn. The number of Covid cases peaked in the past weeks but was declining in the last few days. "We are ready to open schools, students are eager to get back, guardians are willing to send their children and the number of virus cases are on the decline so there is no reason for the government to continue the ban on schools," said Tika Ram Puri, president of the Private and Boarding Schools Organisation Nepal. PTI

PHILIPPINES

Country's raucous election campaign season to kick off

Manila: Philippine election candidates will hit the hustings on Tuesday for the official start of campaigning, with the son and namesake of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos leading the presidential race as he seeks the ultimate revival of the family brand. Political scions, celebrities and ex-convicts are among the contenders vying for more than 18,000 posts in the May 9 polls, with most interest on the contest to succeed authoritarian firebrand Rodrigo Duterte, whose presidency has been marked by foul-mouthed tirades and a deadly drug war. AFP

MYANMAR

Australia calls for release of economist detained by junta

Sydney: Australia's foreign minister called on Sunday for the "immediate release" of economist Sean Turnell, who has been detained by Myanmar's military junta for the past year. Turnell, an Australian economics professor, was working as an advisor to civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi when he was arrested last February, just days after a military coup. He has been charged with violating Myanmar's official secrets law and faces a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison if found guilty. "Professor Turnell's detention is unjust, and we reject the allegations against him," Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne said. The coup triggered mass protests and a bloody military crackdown, with over 1,500 civilians killed and nearly 12,000 arrested as of February 4. AFP

Elizabeth II marks Platinum Jubilee with 'Queen Camilla' announcement

LONDON

QUEEN ELIZABETH II on Sunday became the first British monarch to reign for seven decades, expressing her "sincere wish" for Camilla, the wife of her heir Prince Charles, to ultimately be known as Queen Consort.

Elizabeth II made the announcement in a message renewing her pledge to spend her life serving the nation as she began her Platinum Jubilee in subdued fashion at Sandringham, her estate in eastern England. The 95-year-old, Britain's longest-serving monarch, acceded to the throne aged 25 on February 6, 1952, following the death of her father King George VI.

Charles warmly praised Camilla in a message marking the Jubilee, saying: "my darling wife has been my own steadfast support throughout", adding that they were "deeply conscious of the honour represented by my mother's wish". He paid tribute to the Queen's "devotion to the welfare of all her people (which) inspires still greater admiration with each passing year".

Images of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II displayed on the big digital screens at Piccadilly Circus in central London on Sunday, to mark the start of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Year | AFP

The Queen said she hoped that when Charles, now 73, becomes monarch, the British people would give him and Camilla, now 74, "the same support that you have given me".

Charles and Camilla, now known as the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, had a highly publicised adulterous relationship and Camilla was vilified for her role in the break-up of Charles' marriage to Princess Diana. When the couple married in 2005, the royal family announced that Camilla would become known as Princess Consort due to the sensitivity of the issue, but she has gradually won plaudits as the future king's loyal wife.

The Queen's suggestion means Camilla would be crowned alongside Charles and be known to the public as Queen Camilla, The Sunday Telegraph wrote. *AFP*

FROM HOPE TO SORROW

Morocco grieves for 'little Rayan' after daring well rescue bid fails

IGHRANE

MOROCCO was in shock on Sunday after emergency crews found a five-year-old boy dead at the bottom of a well in a tragic end to a five-day rescue operation that gripped the nation and the world. The ordeal of "little Rayan" since he fell down the 32-metre well on Tuesday gained global attention and sparked an outpouring of sympathy online, with the Arabic Twitter hashtag #SaveRayan trending.

The boy's father said he had been repairing the well when the boy fell in, close to the family home in the village of Ighrane in northern Morocco.

"Little angel, you fought until the end, a hero", said one Twitter user, while another said "he has brought people together around him".

Rescue forces help move the ambulance carrying the body of Rayan Oram | AFP

Throughout the major digging operation to extricate him from the bottom of the well shaft, authorities had cautioned that they did not know whether he was alive.

The shaft, just 45cm across, was too narrow for the boy to be reached directly, and widening it was deemed too risky — so earth-movers dug a wide slope into the hill to reach him from the side. The operation made the landscape resemble a construction site, and red-helmeted civil defence personnel had at times been suspended by rope, as if on a cliff face.

Late Saturday evening, crowds cheered when the rescue workers broke through the final stretch of earth to reach the boy. Volunteer digger Ali Sahraoui cleared the last soil away with his hands, becoming a "hero" on social media.

But soon after, the boy's parents were seen walking down the slope into the tunnel, visibly crushed, before returning and boarding an ambulance without saying a word.

It was Morocco's royal cabinet that announced he had been found dead. The date of the funeral has not been announced but according to Muslim tradition the funeral should take place swiftly. *AFP*

₹6,834 cr Pulled out from Indian markets by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in February so far

Gold bonds catch investor fancy amid Covid

The SGBs offer an interest rate of 2.5% per annum on the amount of initial Investment, payable semi-annually

RAM SAHGAL @MUMBAI

INDIANS have taken a fancy to sovereign gold bonds (SGBs) in the past two years, coinciding with the Pandemic's appearance on the world stage .

Indian investments into SGBs in FY21 and FY22 (through January) accounted for 68% of the total investments into these bonds since their issue in FY16.

In FY21 and FY22 (April-January) residents subscribed to bonds worth ₹25,712 crore, accounting for 68% of the total investment of ₹37,906 crore since the SGB scheme was launched in November 2015.

What makes SGBs attractive

"SGBs lure is the interest income, apart from the potential capital gain probability. This makes for a compelling reason for investors to invest in SGBs at a time when interest on bonds and FDs are declining, and there is a rising need for asset allocation as more and more investors jump on to the stock market bandwagon," points out Amol Joshi, founder PlanRupee Investment Services.

The SGBs offer an interest rate of 2.5% per annum on the amount of initial Investment, payable semi-annually. Apart from potential capital gains, the interest component is attractive given scheduled commercial banks' weighted average domestic term deposit rate has fallen 187 basis points during February '19-November '21 as RBI cut the repo rate by 250 bps during the same period.

An increase in the number of aware investors may have bolstered interest in SGBs. The number of stock market demat accounts have doubled in November 2021 from March 2019.

As more investors jump on to the stock market bandwagon, they look for means of asset allocation to balance risk-reward, which implies that investors will look at spreading investments into fixed income, paper gold, etc.

Benefits of investing in SGBs for long-term investors surpass those of physical gold, which entail paying for making charges, storage and insurance, and gold ETFs, which though more liquid, involve an expense ratio of as much as 0.5% an annum, points out Suresh Sadagopan, MD & principal officer, Ladder7 Wealth Planners. "The gold ETF has its own benefits like facilitating entry-exit with more ease than SGB, but in addition to risk of capital loss it also involves paying the fund house expense. I'd say it's more for a short term investor," adds financial planner Manissha Bangera .

At ₹37,906 crore subscribed value as on January 2022, SGBs exceed the gold ETFs' net assets under management which stood at ₹18,405 crore as on December 31, 2021. In terms of SGB tax treatment, the capital gain on maturity amount — if held for eight years — is exempted. An exit option exists after the fifth year from the date of issue on interest payment dates. The treatment on capital gains otherwise is the same as for debt mutual funds.

If held for less than three years, capital gains are added to income and taxed at the relevant slab. For more than three years, 20% tax with indexation is applicable. The interest income on the bond is added to the bond holder's income and taxed at the applicable slab .

- SGBs are government securities denominated in grams of gold.
- Eligible investors include individuals, HUFs, trusts, universities and charitable institutions.
- Minimum investment in the Bond shall be one gram with a maximum limit of subscription of 4 kg for individuals, 4 kg for Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) and 20 kg for trusts and similar entities notified by the government from time to time
- An investor/trust can buy 4 Kg/20 Kg worth of gold every year
- Tenor of the bond is 8 years, early encashment/redemption of the bond is allowed after fifth year.
- The bond will be tradable on Exchanges, if held in demat form. It can also be transferred to any other eligible investor.

MONEY-WISE

THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW ASSET CLASS

THE penultimate paragraph of my pre-Budget column was, "To cut a long story short, middle class investors would do well to recognise that the Budget always was and will remain not just a financial but also a socio-political statement that attempts to balance the needs of the economy with maximum political mileage. The middle class is more often than not, the collateral damage in this exercise."

Now, the Budget has been announced and since I am not in the business of rating Budgets or giving it marks out of ten, I will restrict myself instead, in this column, to looking at what caught my attention while reading up on the Union Budget 2022.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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After blowing hot and cold on whether or not to ban Crypto-currencies (Cryptos), which seem to have taken the fancy of many Indians, and particularly the youth, the Finance Ministry which was faced with the prospect of losing out on tax revenues if it banned Cryptos, chose instead to be practical and give it a rather emphatic nod instead, via the latest Union Budget 2022 .

In lieu of this emphatic nod, the Finance Minister has also announced a flat 30% tax on gains from trading in cryptos. The tone of its taxation is punitive with no expenses other than purchase cost being allowed as deductible and without any facility to carry forward losses. In addition to this, 1% tax will be cut at source on such gains to ensure a tax trail.

None of these measures, however, might dampen the spirits of crypto traders who will view it more as granting of full legitimacy after a period of confusion, following signals of a ban on trading of crypto-currencies in the country. As for the 1% tax cut at source, it can also be interpreted to imply that regular banking channels too will open up for crypto traders.

Interestingly, the Budget has chosen to refer to cryptos as 'Virtual Digital Assets', perhaps to avoid usage of the currencies suffix and also to provide a distinct identity to the Digital Currency proposed to be launched by the central bank. For the record, gifting of such 'Virtual Digital Assets', will lead to taxation in the hands of the recipient.

To conclude, Cryptos, which were hitherto frowned upon by Governmental authorities, have now 'virtually' been accorded the status of an asset class.

Whether this would help investors in making a rational choice while deciding whether to put their money in this risky asset class remains to be seen. The weekly gyrations in the prices of most cryptos, make it highly risky for small investors. The absence of a Regulator multiplies that risk. Nonetheless, it is now an asset class and better informed investors may participate therein, and hence, things can only get better herefrom for all concerned, not least of all, the Exchequer.

The free market rule of 'Caveat Emptor' though will apply here too, and at full throttle.

TAX PLANNING FOR 2022-23 SHOULD START NOW

RAJAS KELKAR

PERSONAL finance is all about creating a monthly surplus and investing regularly. A way to create a monthly surplus is also to plan for taxes. You may think that it is organised if you are a salaried individual. Your human resources team would send out an alert asking you to submit documents to prove your tax-saving instruments. Between the pay for three months to March, you would see an outgo for not only tax-saving instruments but also a higher tax deduction if you belong to a higher tax bracket.

That could create some kind of a liquidity crunch for a few months and hurt your ability to seize opportunities to invest appropriately. If that happens every year, you will lose a lot of money that would otherwise appreciate in 10 to 15 years.

The tax planning business is all in the head. People tend to make last-minute arrangements for meeting the section 80C or 80 CCD requirement. You then drop your money into some insurance policy or a unit-linked plan. Some of you may invest in equity-linked savings schemes of mutual funds. Most of you would buy fixed deposits or public provident fund schemes. All investments made at the last minute are unplanned. While they may give you the return as they are supposed to, there is a good chance that you could get your timing wrong.

If the stock market is at its peak, you will be buying equity assets at the highest value. If the stock market is at the bottom, you will buy low but miss out on using your discretion to buy the right equity assets.

Poor financial planning and execution can eventually reduce the wealth you end up with.

START IN APRIL

Tax planning should start from the first month of the financial year in April. You must do whatever is needed to save on tax for the year ending in March. However, starting with April, you should work with your financial advisor, plan and execute immediately. You will realise that you end up incorporating tax planning as a monthly exercise and not just a year-long one when you do that.

If you are salaried, it is much easier. You can start to rework your systematic investments into tax and non-tax schemes. Invest a small amount each month in a tax-saving instrument instead of doing it at the end of financial year. If not done it yet, you may want to include both ELSS and the National Pension Scheme or NPS in your monthly financial plan. Do have a long conversation with your financial advisor.

If you are an independent professional or a gig-economy worker, you have to be more particular about tax planning. While you have the advantage to manage your expenses and saving on taxes, you cannot do that when your accountant flags your liability after the financial year ends. You need to sit with your accountant and understand clearly the difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion. It is criminal to evade tax. You can avoid tax up to a particular level as permitted by the land laws. You must ensure that you have money to pay advance tax once a quarter. At the same time, if you are registered for goods and services tax, you have to pay that on time regularly.

If you do not plan your finances, you lose opportunities to shore up your investments.

PLAN OF ACTION

If you are new to the world of investments, you need to take professional help for financial planning. You need to sit with your advisor and define things you want to achieve from the annual plan. Besides setting aside money for specific long and short-term goals, you need to allocate tax planning each month. It is a good idea, to be honest with your advisor and help them give you the right advice. Tax planning could just turn out to be the best thing you did when you look back 15 years down the line.

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EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Tax and non-tax schemes

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

SUN PHARMA

Current Price ₹893.45

Target Price ₹1,000

We remain positive on the stock on back of : a) superior execution in its Specialty portfolio, b) better-than-industry growth in the Branded Generics market of Domestic Formulation (DF) as well as other emerging markets etc. We expect 13% earnings CAGR over FY22-24E, led by 17% sales CAGR in the US and 12% sales CAGR in emerging/RoW markets, supported by 100bp margin expansion. We reiterate Buy rating.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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RBI likely to maintain status quo in policy rate

MUMBAI: IN view of inflationary concerns, the Reserve Bank is likely to maintain the status quo on key policy rates in its next bi-monthly economic policy, which will be the first after the presentation of the Union Budget for 2022-23.

Experts, however, are of the opinion that the Reserve bank of India's monetary policy committee (MPC) may change the policy stance from 'accommodative' to 'neutral' and tinker with the reverse-repo rate as part of the liquidity normalisation process.

The next bi-monthly monetary policy is scheduled to be announced on Wednesday at the end of three-day deliberations of the MPC beginning Monday.

Madan Sabnavis, Chief economist, Bank of Baroda, said given the assurance on growth as per the Union budget and the possibility of inflation rising mainly due to crude oil, "we expect the RBI to start the process of normalisation by increasing the reverse repo rate by 25 bps".

There will be no change in the repo rate this time even though a 50 basis points hike is expected next year, Sabnavis said adding there could be a slight downward revision in the GDP growth rate for FY22.

Shanti Ekambaram, Group President, Consumer Banking, Kotak Mahindra Bank, said amidst global inflation pressures, tightening monetary policies by global central banks, high oil prices, domestic inflation, and the sharp rise in domestic yields, the Monetary Policy Committee will have a tight rope-walk as they discuss the monetary policy stance and interest rates in the coming week.

"Given that the overnight call rate is closer to 4%, we expect the RBI to change the reverse repo rate by up to 25 bps or make repo the operative rate. While a repo rate hike is not expected, it is possible that the MPC might change its stance to neutral from accommodative," Ekambaram said.

On her expectations from the MPC, Shruti Aggarwal, co-founder, Stashfin, said India's GDP growth, which is estimated at 9.2% for 2021-22 will be one of the fastest globally. To maintain and achieve this rate of growth, it'll be challenging for the government to balance upward inflation as well as the risks associated with uncertainty around COVID and oil prices. *PTI*

India's own official digital currency likely to debut by early next year

NEW DELHI: India's very own official digital currency is likely to debut by early 2023, which will mirror any of the currently available private company-operated electronic wallets, but with a change that it will be a sovereign-backed facility, a top government source said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her budget speech last week talked about launching a central bank-backed 'digital rupee' soon.

A top government source, who wished not to be identified said, the digital currency issued by the RBI would be numbered in units, just like every fiat currency has a unique number.

"The units issued in digital rupee would be included in the currency in circulation. It would not be very different from fiat currency. It would be more like an electronic form of fiat currency, so in a sense it would be a government-mandated electronic wallet," the source said.

The RBI has indicated that the digital rupee would be ready by the end of next financial year, the source added.

The digital rupee blockchain, being developed by the Reserve Bank, would be able to trace all transactions, unlike the current system of mobile wallet offered by private companies.

Digital currency will lead to a more efficient and cheaper currency management system. It is proposed to introduce Digital Rupee, to be issued by the RBI starting 2022-23

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, Finance Minister

Explaining further, the source said that using electronic wallet offered by private companies, people currently transfer money to the private company who holds the money on his/her behalf and pays to a merchant when there is any transaction.

"In the case of a digital rupee instead of holding a note you will be holding a digital currency in your phone and it would be with the central bank and from there it would be transferred to any merchant. It is fully backed by the sovereign," the source said.

If the money is transferred to the e-wallet of a private company, then credit risk of that company is also attached to the money besides charges levied by such companies.

"Instead of carrying this wallet, I will carry money on the phone," the source said.

In the 2022-23 Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that introduction of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) will give a big boost to digital economy.

"Digital currency will also lead to a more efficient and cheaper currency management system. It is, therefore, proposed to introduce Digital Rupee, using blockchain and other technologies, to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India starting 2022-23," the minister had said.

The exact regulation governing this Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) is yet to be finalised.

CBDC is a digital or virtual currency but it is not comparable to the private virtual currencies or cryptocurrency that have mushroomed over the last decade. Private virtual currencies do not represent any person's debt or liabilities as there is no issuer. The government has already said that private cryptocurrencies will never be a legal tender. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

LIC 3rd largest globally; offers highest RoE of 82%: Crisil

Mumbai: The IPO-bound national insurer Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) is not only the world's largest when it comes to home-market share with over 64.1% of the total gross written premium as of 2020 but also the one that offers the highest return on equity at 82%, apart from being the third largest in terms of life insurance premium, says a Crisil report. While for LIC the market share has been steadily declining--down from 100% in the pre-2000 era to 71.8% in 2016 and further down to 64.1% in 2020, for SBI Life, which is the second largest in the country, the same was only 5% in 2016 and 8% in 2020, Crisil said in a report prepared in November 2021 which is not yet public.

Cogent e-services files draft papers with Sebi for IPO

New Delhi: Cogent e-services Ltd has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The initial share-sale comprises fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹150 crore and an offer for sale of up to 994.68 lakh equity shares by promoters, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus.The company may consider a private placement of equity shares aggregating up to `30 crore. If such pre-IPO placement is undertaken, the fresh issue size will be reduced. Funds raised from fresh issue will be used for funding investment in IT assets for expansion and existing IT infrastructure of the company etc.

Bank of Baroda sees loan growth of 7-10% in FY22

New Delhi: State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) said it is on track to achieve a loan growth of 7-10% in the current financial year and expects advances to grow 10-12% in the financial year 2022-23, its Managing Director and CEO Sanjiv Chadha said. In the quarter ended December 2021, the lender's gross domestic advances grew 3.36% year-on-year (y-o-y) to ₹6,54,315 crore. However, on a sequential basis, domestic loan growth stood at 5%. Chadha said that as far as advances are concerned, the bank had seen some challenges in the first quarter due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic but there has been some improvement second quarter onwards.

Elliott makes happy return for Liverpool

Harvey Elliott made a fairytale return for Liverpool by scoring in a 3-1 FA Cup fourth round win over Cardiff in his first appearance since suffering a serious ankle injury in September. Diogo Jota opened the scoring for Liverpool before Takumi Minamino doubled the lead. The biggest cheer was reserved for Elliott when he fired home on the volley 14 minutes from time.

WHAT THEY SAID

It's a proud moment. For me and the team, and for the country. After a lot of struggles, we stayed strong, all the boys remained confident, we achieved what we did because we were strong, and we believed in ourselves.
Yash Dhull, India U-19 captain

This is all about their development as players, as individuals. And, it's great to see the way they have developed, the way they've evolved over the last couple of months and so it's very exciting times for all of them, but it's just the start of the journey as a cricketer
VVS Laxman, NCA Head

The All-India Junior Selection Committee must be lauded for picking an all-round team with plenty of options. The team management led by Head Coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar deserves kudos and the presence of India great VVS Laxman made a big impact when the team was going through a crisis.
Jay Shah, BCCI secretary

We have the best structure in place for our age-group cricketers and some of the best coaches work closely with the boys. They had very little cricket in the run-up to the World Cup this time and despite that, India remained unbeaten. This is truly remarkable.
Sourav Ganguly, BCCI president

Covid hit their camp during the WC and at one point had only 12 to choose from. Yet the intensity didn't drop amidst adversity. Won every game, that too clinically. Proud of the team. Special congratulations to @VVSLaxman281, Hrishikesh, Sairaj, Manish & other staff.
Wasim Jaffer, former India player

Congratulations to the India U19 team for a fantastic tournament. Surely a great moment to remember for one and all. A feat to be proud of for the rest of your lives. Congrats Yash Dhull, @VVSLaxman281 and the entire team. @BCCI#U19CWC #BoysInBluem
Unmukt Chand, U-19 WC winner

The BCCI has announced cash rewards of ₹40 lakh to each member of the India team that won the U-19 World Cup. The support staff will receive ₹25 lakh each.

Brief scores: England U-19 189 in 44.5 ovs (Rew 95; Bawa 5/31) lost to India U-19 195/6 in 47.4 ovs (Rasheed 50, Sindhu 50 n.o; Bouden 2/24)

KEEPING THE BLUE FLAG FLYING HIGH

Hailed as favourites due to their talent pool, India's road to fifth title wasn't a featherbed

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

FOUR months to their first Under-19 World Cup match — September 14, leave alone a team, India didn't even have a junior selection committee. With pandemic bringing all sports events in the country to halt, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), could not even host the age-group tournaments, keeping the players' safety in mind. As the second wave toned down, at the first available opportunity, despite the risk factor involved — vaccines were not opened for those under 18 — the BCCI slotted the Vinoo Mankad Trophy (VMT), which set the ball rolling for the Under-19 World Cup in the Caribbean.

As Dinesh Bana hit James Sales for consecutive sixes to bring home the junior World Cup title, they were the envy of the world. India's talent pool, as deep as the Mariana Trench, is only increasing. Given the competition in senior national side, the chances of someone from Yash Dhull's team making the jump immediately like Yuvraj Singh, Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant, Prithvi Shaw, Shubman Gill looks far-fetched. But, like all of those, this team too is beaming with exciting talents. Dhull, Shaik Rasheed, Raj Bawa, Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Ravikumar could all become household names. With the IPL auctions less than a week away, there is a chance some may become millionaires by next Sunday.

This U-19 World Cup was not just about these promising talents maintaining India's stranglehold in the competition. It was about how they did it. From the time the BCCI placed Dav Whatmore in charge of the National Cricket Academy (NCA), which has been the umbrella for U-19 teams, to now VVS Laxman (the present head of NCA) a lot has been streamlined. The talent pool, thanks to age-group cricket, continues to flow without roadblocks.

However, unlike the past few batches, the Class of 2022 have had the least time to prepare. The BCCI, and the stakeholders knew they were running out of time. For nearly 18 months, there was no junior cricket. With exposure trips ruled out because of pandemic, all that the selectors had was to depend on Vinoo Mankad Trophy performances. It helped them identify a pool of 90 players, who featured in the Challenger Trophy.

TITLE TRACK

2000 MOHAMMAD KAIF | 2008 VIRAT KOHLI | 2012 UNMUKT CHAND | 2018 PRITHVI SHAW | 2022 YASH DHULL

JUNIOR TO SENIOR

Here is a look at the players who participated in the U-19 World Cup and graduated to the senior team from the recent editions...

2000
Mohammad Kaif*
Reetinder Sodhi*
Venugopal Rao
Ajay Ratra
Yuvraj Singh

2002
Stuart Binny
Suresh Raina*
Parthiv Patel

2004
Ambati Rayudu
Shikhar Dhawan
Faiz Fazal
Dinesh Karthik
RP Singh
VRV Singh
Robin Uthappa

2006
Rohit Sharma
Ravindra Jadeja*
Cheteshwar Pujara
Piyush Chawla
Shahbaz Nadeem
Ishant Sharma

2008
Virat Kohli
Ravindra Jadeja*
Siddarth Kaul
Abhinav Mukund
Manish Pandey
Saurabh Tiwary

2010
Mandeep Singh
Mayank Agarwal
Harshal Patel
KL Rahul
Sandeep Sharma*
Jaydev Unadkat

2012
Hanuma Vihari
Sandeep Sharma

2014
Shreyas Iyer
Deepak Hooda
Kuldeep Yadav
Sanju Samson

2016
Ishan Kishan
Rishabh Pant
Khaleel Ahmed
Washington Sundar

2018
Prithvi Shaw
Shubman Gill

* Players who were a part of two U-19 World Cup squads

"The task ahead of us was enormous," S Sharath, the chairman of the junior selection panel, told *Express*. "None of the boys had played for nearly 18 months, so we were racing against time to find the combination. We had the talent, but to put them together as a team was the challenging thing. We'd only three tournaments to pick a squad, which will then play together at the Asia Cup before the World Cup to understand and gel together."

While the Challenger Trophy helped them identify those like Bana, the tri-series held in Kolkata involving India A, India B and Bangladesh proved game-changing. The Bangladesh U-19 side won the tournament, beating both Indian sides in all the four matches they played, which, in hindsight, happened to be a reality check. In the camp which followed soon after at the NCA, the selectors, Laxman, head coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar (who was dealing with a personal situation), bowling coach Sairaj Bahutle identified the holes to plug. The end result was to stock up the team with multi-dimensional players and take them to the Caribbean.

"We had good batters, but there were also good all-rounders who bowled pace and spin. Not many teams would have that luxury. And, we also picked six players from Haryana and Maharashtra (the winners and runners-up in VMT), because they would have dealt with different situations. In Yash Dhull, Shaik Rasheed, we had two good batters. So, once we found the combination, we knew there was a team that is going to fight till the last ball," Sharath said.

While the Asia Cup title proved to be a timely confidence booster, India were dealt with a huge blow during the World Cup. After the first match against South Africa, five players were infected with Covid, meaning they took the field against Ireland and Uganda with only 12 players. What was also quite telling was there were no panic reactions. Instead, the selectors and coaches got into a hurdle, five replacements were sent immediately, but all the players recovered in time for the semifinals against Bangladesh. That they had a calm and able Laxman around in the Caribbean too helped a great deal, especially when few players were believed to have panicked after contracting the virus.

"They won the Asia Cup and the preparation to this World Cup was fantastic. But, in the middle of this tournament, we all know what happened to the boys (Covid), but to show that kind of resilience and positive attitude was just exemplary. Unfortunately, over the last two years, because of Covid, they didn't play any tournament and that's why I think this win is very special," Laxman said.

Since Mohammed Kaif led India to its first U-19 title in 2000, India have won five titles and have been runners-up thrice. Somehow, there has been only one global title for the senior side in this century. Unless this translates into the senior level, each time India comes back empty handed for global events, it will be seen as a failure.

Windies caught in a spin, Rohit era begins with win

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AS India left South Africa, losing all three ODIs, one of the concerns for the team management was the dearth of wickets in the middle overs. Their premier spinners — R Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal — had a combined tally of three scalps. The leg-spinner, who was left out of the T20 World Cup, especially had a disappointing series after a good comeback in home T20Is against New Zealand. With Ashwin missing the West Indies series and Kuldeep Yadav returning, there was a lot of pressure on Chahal to live up to the reputation he had built between 2017-19. Rohit Sharma, on his first assignment as full-time skipper, had backed both the wrist spinners to come good. And, on Sunday, Chahal needed just three deliveries to prove Rohit right.

Introduced in the 20th over, Chahal pitched one on good length, just around the off-stump with a bit of flight and spun it back to trap Nicholas Pooran on the pads. Umpire declined the appeal, Rohit reviewed and the decision was reversed as the leg-spinner got his 100th wicket. As Kieron Pollard was ready to face his first ball, Chahal bowled a perfect googly that pitched outside off, went between the pad and bat, crashing into the off-stump. Going by the celebrations that followed, it seemed like Virat Kohli had suggested the leggie to bowl the wrong'un on Pollard's first delivery.

Now, after the third T20I against New Zealand in November, Chahal had said that the work put on his googlies and my top-spinners during the time away served him well in the series. He had hardly bowled any in South Africa series. On Sunday, against West Indies, he was using it frequently, and more importantly, executed it to perfection. Gaining confidence from the two wickets in his first over, Chahal went on to take two more, finishing with 4/49, thus playing a vital role in dismissing West Indies for 176.

Acknowledging the change in his bowling tactics, the 31-year-old said that he went back and saw the footages from South Africa to understand what went wrong. After discussing with captain Rohit and bowling coach Paras Mhambrey, he worked on his pace variations and with the pitch assisting, Chahal ensured that he made the most of it. But, it was not just about the tactics and execution, there were other factors too. Unlike South Africa where India struggled to take wickets early on, Mohammad Siraj and Washington Sundar had done their part before Chahal came on. And it helped him settle without the pressure of taking wickets from ball one.

With Washington doing well and Rohit keen to bring back Kuldeep into the mix, Chahal might not have secured his place in the eleven. But, for now, he will be relieved about repaying the captain's confidence with a player of the match performance.

India's Yuzvendra Chahal (C) celebrates after dismissing West Indies' captain Kieron Pollard during the first ODI in Motera on Sunday | AFP

Scoreboard

West Indies Innings: Hope b Siraj 8, King c Suryakumar b Washington 13, Bravo lbw b Washington 18, Brooks c Pant b Chahal 12, Pooran lbw b Chahal 18, Pollard b Chahal 0, Holder c Pant b Prasidh 57, Hosein c Pant b Prasidh 0, Allen c and b Washington 29, Joseph c Suryakumar b Chahal 13, Roach (not out) 0; **Extras:** (lb 4, w 4) 8; **Total:** (all out in 43.5 overs) **176**; **FoW:** 1/13, 2/44, 3/45, 4/71, 5/75, 6/78, 7/79, 8/157, 9/167; **Bowling:** Siraj 8-2-26-1, Krishna 10-0-29-2, Washington 9-1-30-3, Thakur 7-0-38-0, Chahal 9.5-0-49-4.

India Innings: Sharma lbw b Joseph 60, Kishan c Allen b Hosein 28, Kohli c Roach b Joseph 8, Pant (run out) 11, SuryaKumar (not out) 34, Hooda (not out) 26; **Extras:** (b 1, lb 2, w 8) 11; **Total:** (4 wickets in 28 overs) **178**; **FoW:** 1/84 2/93 3/115 4/116; **Bowling:** Roach 5-0-41-0, Holder 5-0-29-0, Joseph 7-0-45-2, Hosein 9-0-46-1, Allen 2-0-14-0.

Bopanna-Ramkumar bag doubles title

AGENCIES @ Pune

STAR Indian pair of Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan produced a scintillating display to clinch the doubles title at the Tata Open Maharashtra with a stunning victory in the final at the Balewadi Stadium in here on Sunday.

The Indians defeated Australia's Luke Saville and John-Patrick Smith 6-7 (10), 6-3, 10-6 to claim their second ATP title together. It was Bopanna's 21st doubles title, and second in Pune after having won it in 2019, playing alongside Divij Sharan. The fourth edition of South Asia's only ATP-250 event is being organised by the Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association. The Indian duo, which kick-started the year on a high with their maiden ATP title together in Adelaide in January, started off well and despite some stiff challenge from the top seeds, put themselves ahead in the contest at 5-4.

However, the Aussie pair took the set into the tie-breaker and wrapped up the opening set after that lasted for close to an hour.

Tata Open Maharashtra doubles champions Rohan Bopanna (L) and Ramkumar Ramanathan at the Balewadi Stadium in Pune on Sunday | TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA

EXPRESS READ

Aditi hits career-best 63, Leona prevails

FORT MYERS (US): Aditi Ashok produced a career-best nine-under 63 in the final round as she shot from the cutline to finish T-15 at the LPGA Drive On Championship. Ireland's Leona Maguire (67) became the first woman golfer from her country to win on the LPGA Tour.

PKL: Gujarat Giants beat Bengaluru Bulls

BENGALURU: Pardeep Kumar's late heroics helped Gujarat Giants beat Bengaluru Bulls 40-36 in the Pro Kabaddi League match on Sunday. The raider scored a Super 10 (14 points) including 4 in the final minute to give Gujarat an important win in their battle to secure a Playoff spot.

China women clinch AFC Asian Cup title

MUMBAI: China turned around a two-goal deficit at half-time to beat South Korea 3-2 in a remarkable late comeback for their ninth Women's Asian Cup title on Sunday. Midfielder Xiao Yuyi sealed the victory three minutes into stoppage time, following a 68th-minute penalty from Tang Jiali and an equaliser moments later from Zhang Linyan.

Vikram ends Mumbai's winless run

AGENCIES @ Fatorda

DEFENDING champions Mumbai City FC finally ended their seven-game winless run in the 2021-22 Indian Super League (ISL) with a 1-0 win against Chennaiyin FC at the PJN Stadium in Fatorda on Sunday. The match was decided by a late goal from Vikram Partap Singh (85'), whose strike was enough to elevate MCFC to fifth place, level on points with Jamshedpur FC.

Des Buckingham's men were dominant in possession during the first few minutes. Igor Angulo tested the goalkeeper with a meek left-footed shot at the stroke of the 18th minute which was saved.

Chennaiyin soaked pressure as the first half progressed. There was nothing to separate the teams at the halftime break as the score remained goalless.

The second half saw more pressure from MCFC. Headed into the last ten minutes without a goal on the board, the breakthrough finally came from Vikram Pratap Singh. The winger was fed by Bradden Inman on the far post, found himself unmarked and placed the ball in the back of the net from close-range.

Sadowski-Synnott claims first-ever gold for Kiwis

AFP @ Beijing

"SUPER-PROUD" snowboarder Zoi Sadowski-Synnott made history on Sunday after winning New Zealand's first ever Winter Olympic gold but the men's downhill skiers were forced to wait 24 hours for their chance.

Sadowski-Synnott, 20, held her nerve to take the women's snowboard slopestyle title with the last run of the competition. "Honestly it's absolute disbelief but it probably means more to me to win New Zealand's first Winter Olympic gold," said Sadowski-Synnott, who was born in Sydney and moved to New Zealand when she was six.

"It makes me super proud to be a Kiwi."

Sadowski-Synnott, who spent Covid lockdown jumping on a trampoline to help her aerial awareness, launched into a massive jump with her final trick to earn a winning score of 92.88. She was mobbed by silver medallist Julia Marino of the USA and Tess Coady of Australia, who won bronze. New Zealand had previously won one silver and two bronze medals at the Winter Olympics.

Indians eyeing top service at Bengaluru Open

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

AFTER the conclusion of the Tata Open Maharashtra, Indian tennis players have turned their attention to the twin legs of the Bengaluru Open Challenger events, starting Monday. Three ATP tournaments in a span of 21 days are rare in India, and with the players from the country having been limited to a few tournaments ever since Covid-19 struck, it provides them with an opportunity to earn crucial ranking points and decent prize money as well. It is also a matter of giving these players the much-needed confidence to prepare for the season ahead.

Among the Indians, Ramkumar Ramanathan, who won the Tata Open doubles title alongside Rohan Bopanna, and Prajnesh Gunneswaran are the only players to gain a direct entry into the men's singles main draw. Besides, there are a few wildcards, including 2018 finalist Saketh Myneni and qualifiers from the country, who will be eager to shine.

Though the Tata Open did not go according to plan in the singles arena, past results in Bengaluru spreads positivity. Of the four winners, Sumit Nagal and Prajnesh clinched the title in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

However, the draw has not been in favour of the two top Indians. Both Ramkumar and Prajnesh are in the top half, which also includes top seed Czech player Jiri Vesely. The other quality players are Italy's Stefano Travaglia, Australian Aleksandar Vukic and Swede Elias Ymer among others.

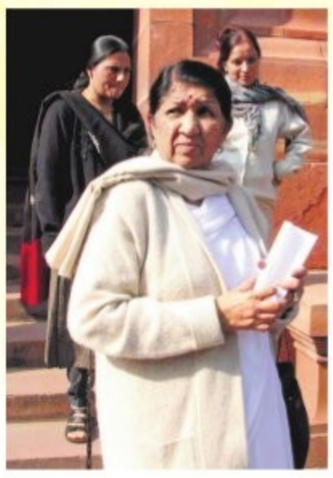
Yuki Bhambri

"Two events back-to-back will be very useful and motivating. Three weeks of tennis is not something we see often in India. It has been a tough two years for Indians with the pandemic. We Indians have always had good results in Bangalore. It is a great opportunity for us to make something special happen. There is no pressure going into these home events. We will have good support," said Prajnesh.

In the doubles category, it will be interesting to see how the pairing of Divij Sharan and Yuki Bhambri, who have been handed a wildcard, fare. With Yuki not featuring in the singles category, both the players will be eager to improve upon their Tata Open finish, where they exited in the Round of 16.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Narendra Modi, who was then Gujarat CM, with Lata Mangeshkar during the inauguration of a hospital in Pune on November 1, 2013 | PTI



Outside Parliament on December 3, 2003 as a Rajya Sabha member | PTI

The five children of late Pt Dinanath Mangeshkar (L to R) Usha Mangeshkar, Lata Mangeshkar, Hridaynath Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle and Meena Khadikar gather to celebrate the 68th birthday of Hridaynath in 2004 | PTI

People garland photos of Lata Mangeshkar to pay tribute to the veteran singer in Kolkata on Sunday | PTI

SHE WAS THE SOUL OF INDIA'S MUSIC

From the loads of awards she accumulated over her lifetime to the singers and composers she frequently worked with, her memorable numbers and some little known facts from her life, here is a compilation of all you would want to know about Lata Mangeshkar, who was India's melody queen with a career spanning over seven decades

BIG HONOURS

Major awards won by the Nightingale of India

1969 Padma Bhushan

1972 National Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer for first time (Movie: *Parichay*)

1974 National Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer (Movie: *Kora Kagaz*)

1989 Dada Saheb Phalke Award

1990 National Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer (Movie: *Lekin*)

1999 Padma Vibhushan

2001: BHARAT RATNA

2009 Legion d'Honneur (France's highest civilian award)

FILMFARE AWARDS

She monopolised the female singer category so much that she retired herself from the competition in 1970. She received 19 nominations and won 4 times before her self-imposed retirement. **State awards from:** Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Kerala and Maharashtra

15 TIMES

'The Melody Queen' has won the Bengal Film Journalists' Association Award a whopping 15 times

Being honoured by Shiv Sena Chief Bal Thackeray on November 17, 2012 | PTI

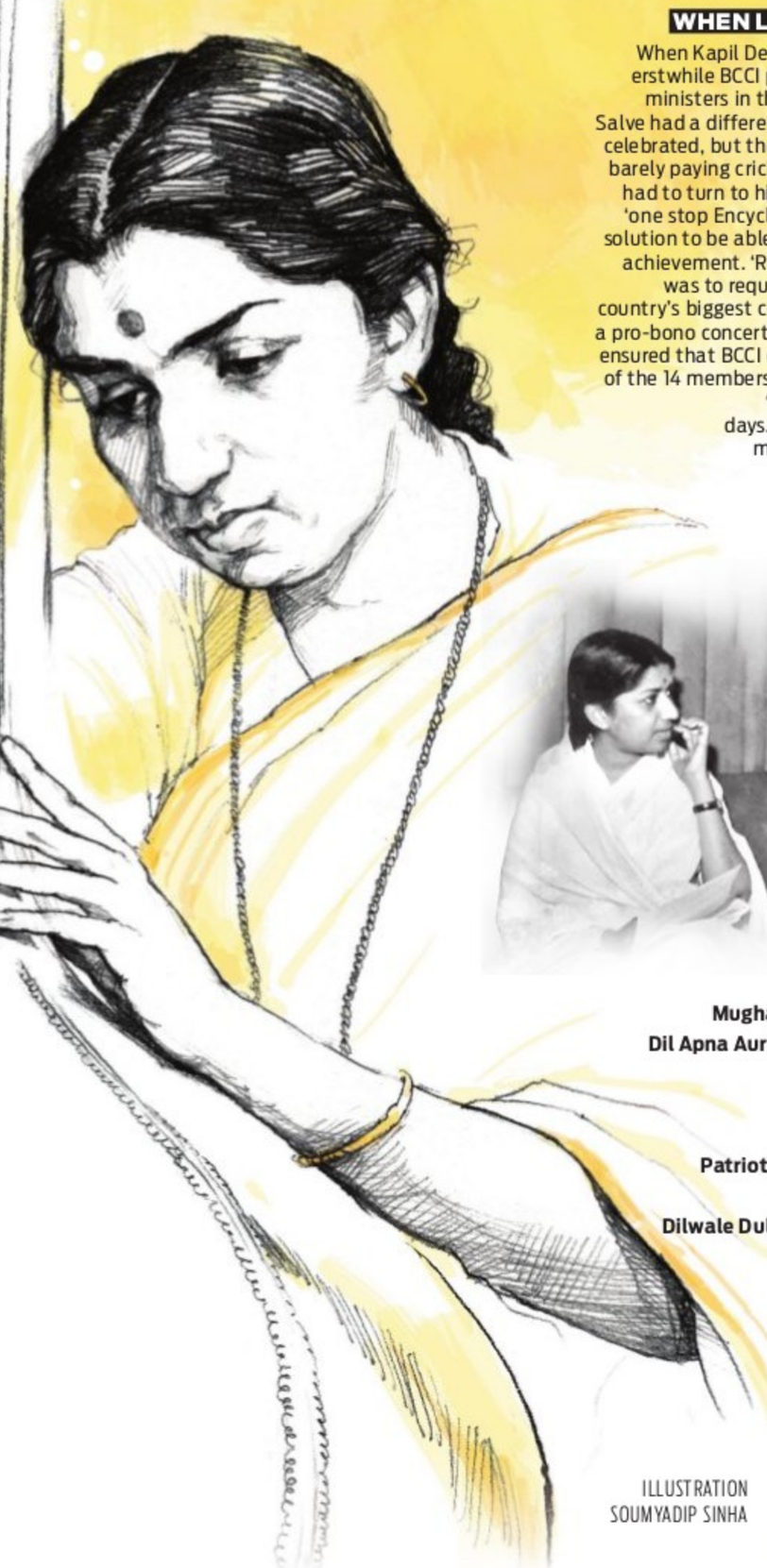
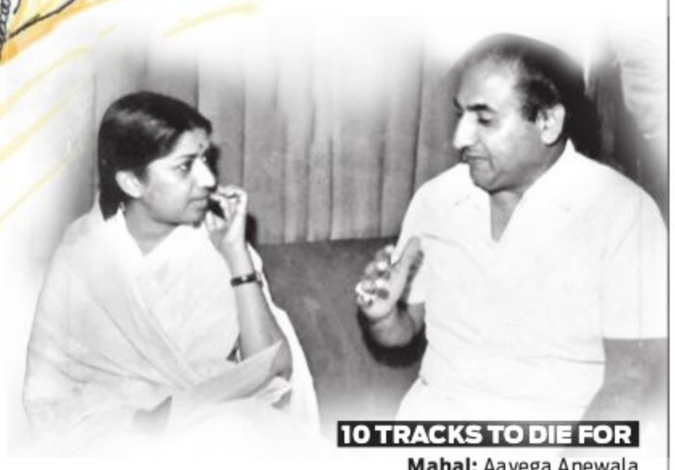


ILLUSTRATION SOUMYADIP SINHA

WHEN LATA CAME TO BCCI'S AID

When Kapil Dev lifted the World Cup in 1983, the erstwhile BCCI president and one of the powerful ministers in the Indira Gandhi cabinet, late NKP Salve had a different worry. The victory needed to be celebrated, but the BCCI, was short on cash and was barely paying cricketers their daily allowance. Salve had to turn to his 'Man Friday' and Indian cricket's 'one stop Encyclopedia' Raj Singh Dungarpur for a solution to be able to reward the players for such an achievement. 'Raj bhai' decided that the only way was to request his close friend and one of the country's biggest cricket fans Lata Mangeshkar to do a pro-bono concert in the national capital. The event ensured that BCCI collected enough money and each of the 14 members got `1 lakh each as a cash award. "It was a very decent sum in those days. We would otherwise save up tour money and daily allowance for that month and it came to barely `60,000," former cricketer Sunil Valson recollected



10 TRACKS TO DIE FOR

Mahal: Aayega Anewala
Mughal-E-Azam: Pyar Kiya To Darna Kya
Dil Apna Aur Preet Parai: Ajeeb Dastan Hai Yeh
Anand: Na Jiyaa Lage Na
Shor: Ek Pyaar Ka Nagma Ha
Aandhi: Tum Aa Gaye Ho
Patriotic Song: Aye Mere Watan Ke Logon
Anamika: Baahon me Chale Aao
Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge: Tujhe Dekha To
Rang De Basanti: Luka Chuppi

With Mozart of Madras A R Rahman

THE NIGHTINGALE ACCOMPANIMENT

10 COMPOSERS SHE FREQUENTLY WORKED WITH

Nadeem-Shravan, Jatin-Lalit, Shiv-Hari, Laxmikant-Pyarelal, RD Burman, SD Burman, Salil Chowdhury, Naushad, Madan Mohan, Shankar-Jaikishan

10 SINGERS SHE FREQUENTLY WORKED WITH

Asha Bhosle, Kishore Kumar, Mohammed Rafi, S P Balasubrahmanyam, Mukesh, Talat Mahmood, Manna Dey, Hemant Kumar, Shailendra Singh, Udit Narayan

TEN THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HER

Lata's birth name was Hema. It was later changed to Lata after a character in one of her father's plays—Latika

Her first film appearance was in Pahili Mangalagaur. She was 13 and played the heroine's sister

Lata's first Hindi song was Mata Ek Sapoot Ki Duniya Badal De Tu, in the 1943 Marathi film Gajaabhaau

Her performance of Aye Mere Wattan Ke Logo, on Republic Day 1963, moved Jawaharlal Nehru to tears. The song commemorated soldiers sacrificed in the 1962 Sino-Indian War

Lata Mangeshkar was the first Indian to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in London in 1974. She performed Aaja Re Pardesi, Inhin Logon Ne, Aayega Aanewala and other songs. A recording, in two parts, is available. She returned to the venue in 1979

The same year, she was mentioned in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the most recorded artist. The claim was contested by Mohammad Rafi (imagine the headlines!)

Lata never worked with music director O P Nayar. "I found Lata's voice too thin, too shrill, which did not suit my compositions," Nayar had said

Her favourite Hollywood actors were James Stewart, Cary Grant, Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole. She also admired Sean Connery and Roger Moore as Bond

She once bumped into George Harrison in the US. She got an autograph from the famous Beatle

Her last released song is Saugandh Mujhe Is Mitti Ki from 2019. Her last full film album is Veer Zaara

Being felicitated by actor Amitabh Bachchan at the first Hridaynath Award on her 82nd birthday in Mumbai on September 28, 2011 | PTI

Addressing a fund-raising event in Mumbai on March 27, 2003 | PTI

Having a light moment with actress Rekha on her 78th birthday in Mumbai on September 6, 2006 | PTI

Then Maharashtra chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh (left) greets Lata Mangeshkar as actor Dilip Kumar and lyricist Naushad (right) look on | PTI

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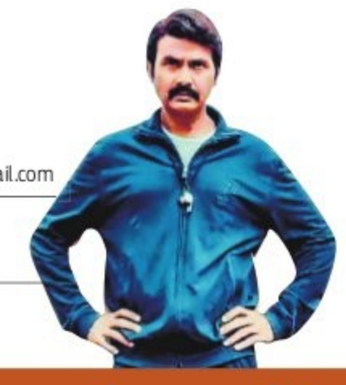

DAY'S DIARY

Return of lost art

On this day, the missing Nigerian painting of Ife Princess Adetutu Ademiluyi by Ben Enwonwu was rediscovered in a modest London flat

NATIONAL ICON

The 1974 painting, which had been missing for decades, is a national icon in Nigeria, with poster reproductions hanging in homes all over the country

MULTIPLE MISSING

Enwonwu, considered the father of Nigerian modernism, painted three versions of Tutu. All three went missing after his death in 1994; two are yet to be found

HIGH PRAISE

Booker Prize winning novelist Ben Okri called the find "the most significant discovery in contemporary African art in over 50 years"

Sharan plays coach in Guru Shishayaru

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Lata Mangeshkar | **September 28, 1929 - February 6, 2022** | **Age: 92**

Shashaa Tirupati

I see flashbacks of my entire childhood when I think of her. It's a personal and emotional setback for me. Her songs were my first and consistent companion, and she was my *guru*, alongside Rafi *saahab*. The connection I felt to her meant that I went back to her recordings from as early as the 50s, even as a child. I would religiously practise along, as her voice would play on my tape recorder for thousands of songs; my mother would write out these songs in notebooks with a pen. Once, my mother overheard me humming Lata *ji*'s *Jao Re Jogi Tum Jao Re* while I was playing with my brothers, at the age of 5. This was the stepping stone to my career. This was from when I learned to develop aptitude, training, and step into music as a life path. Lata *ji* takes a part of my soul with her.

Female playback singers from down South speak of the enduring influence of the late legendary playback singer Lata Mangeshkar on their careers and lives

THE INSPIRATIONAL NIGHTINGALE

PRIYANKA SUNDAR

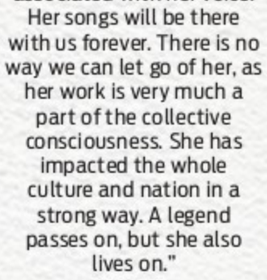
LEGEND. The word is overused today and hardly befitting the personalities it's often tagged with. In the case of singer Lata Mangeshkar though—who died at the age of 92—it almost seems trifling. Dubbed the 'Nightingale of India', Lata was a key cog in the wheel of playback singing for over seven decades. Her work cuts across genres, across state borders, and is it a surprise then that even if she wasn't exactly prolific, when it came to singing contributions in South cinema, she, nevertheless, was still a household name. Among those inspired by her boundless energy and singing excellence are countless playback singers, many of whom enjoy successful careers today. We spoke to some female singers based in the South, singers who can't help but wax eloquent about Lata's legacy, and here's what they had to say:

Sujatha Mohan

Lata *ji*—for every female singer—is a *maanaseega guru*. There is no doubt about it. Whatever you learn from *gurumukham* with the *guru* in front you, that is the foundation of your singing. But the experience which these people have—from what they have sung in films—is what we get; this is the material that we go to when we get similar songs, be it a fast-paced song or a romantic melody. We seek references from the work of such icons.

We cannot fathom her repertoire because Lata *ji* has sung so many songs across all genres. Personally, an incident that I am reminded of is when I sang a song for AR Rahman, for the film, *Pukar*. It is a club-themed song with Madhuri Dixit singing, but she also has to show a lot of pain in her singing. It was a very complex emotion—love, yes, but at the same time, there is revenge, and yet, it must also sound like a song played in a club. So, I was quite confused. ARR simply gave me a reference of the song, *Aa Jaane Jaan*, (from the 1969 Hindi film, *Intaqam*). He said that is the emotion he wanted. The reference was perfect.

Even though she is gone mortally, her sound is heard everywhere in the universe every day. That is what she has left behind.



AR Raihanah

A true-blue legend, an encyclopedia for film singing & an immortal voice. The heights that she achieved can never be surpassed. Forever and ever her voice will be echoing in all our hearts.

MD PALLAVI

"Lata *ji* has had a big presence in our lives. Anybody, who has been born and brought up in India, cannot disassociate themselves from her. There is a song for every occasion, associated with her voice. Her songs will be there with us forever. There is no way we can let go of her, as her work is very much a part of the collective consciousness. She has impacted the whole culture and nation in a strong way. A legend passes on, but she also lives on."

JONITA GANDHI

"I think I speak for a lot of artists when I say that so much of what I am today, I owe to Lata *ji*. Growing up (in Canada), I didn't really know Hindustani music... I just knew her songs, her voice, and her singing. But it's one and the same... That's the power of her legacy. The music industry has lost a godmother today. I started my journey with Lata *ji* as my first guru without her even knowing, as I'm sure many others have too. It will be very hard to shake the feeling of this realisation that she has passed on. Her art and her voice will always be a reminder of her contribution to music, to Indian cinema, and to this world. It will continue to inspire us to practise discipline and devotion in music. Rest in eternal peace Lata *ji*."

SANGEETHA KATTI

"Lata *ji* remains eternal. As a singer and a musician, we have grown up listening to her songs and trying to sing them. Her singing—be it *bhakti geet*, romantic numbers, or patriotic songs—is the only important reference and will remain so. There is no replacement. I missed the opportunity to meet her twice, but her influence is tremendous in my life. A dedicated musician, her commitment was divine. Every song sung by her is an institution. Merely singing her songs well is good enough to qualify you as a musician. She was gifted; how she evolved in her journey is amazing."

SANAH MOIDUTTY

"I find it difficult to believe that Lata *ji* is no more. Throughout my childhood, I listened to her songs and wondered how someone could pull off such difficult songs with such ease and with as much soul. Even a lifetime isn't enough to experience and learn from the music and legacy she has left behind. This day marks the end of an era. I'm sure musicians and listeners all over the world will be feeling the same today. Her voice and her singing healed us, and it will continue to do so. Rest in peace Lata *ji*."

CHINMAYI

"She defined Indian playback singing—hers was the voice, the voice everyone wanted to have, one that showed mastery over a myriad of expressions, emotions... Also admirable was her discipline of practising well into her 80s. I am pretty sure she would have been singing before she fell ill. I also remember her for being critical of what she was hearing 'these days' in the name of singing. There's an image of hers that made the front page once—of her eyes and ears shut tight, with a grimace on her face. Some of us kept talking about it for days. She has lived close to a century, seen this country form and grow, and she has ruled our music and our hearts. It has truly been an honour to have been around when she was."

Inputs from Murali Krishna CH, A Sharadhaa, and Sajin Shrijith

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth `2,500 from Bhola &Blonde**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Albert Bakery 2) Dilpasand, desiccated coconut 3) Koshy's Automatic Bakery, Richmond Road

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Sandesh P, 2) Jayanth, 3) Shrishti

***Conditions apply**

CITY READ

Club to celebrate Valentine's Day with the elderly

Evergreen Club, a community for older adults, is hosting celebrations during the entire week leading up to the Valentine's Day. The idea is to get the elderly members together and celebrate the occasion with their friends, family and community buddies. Rose Day is recognised by conducting a craft session, Propose Day is celebrated with an open table discussion on proposing, Chocolate Day is themed around making granola hearts with homemade granolas and much more. The sessions are free for all members above 50 years. Register on Evergreen Club website.

THE OVERJOYED FAMILY OF BENGALURU TEEN ANEESHWAR GAUTAM, WHO WAS PART OF THE U19 WORLD CUP, SHARES WITH *CE*, THE CRICKET TRYST OF THE 19-YEAR-OLD

THUMPING WIN

(From left) Gautam Narendra, Aneeshwar Gautam and Shwetha Gautam

ASHIM SUNAM

AS Dinesh Bana hit back-to-back winning sixes to help India clinch the U-19 World Cup title in Antigua on Saturday, his ecstatic team mates ran to the field to celebrate a historic fifth title. One of those sprinters was Bengaluru's Aneeshwar Gautam, who featured for two matches in the competition.

Almost 15,000 km away from the venue, and in a different time zone, his mother, Shwetha Gautam, who did not miss any of India's matches in the tournament, watched the tense final which went past midnight. After the final, she was tempted to call him and congratulate then and there, but she knew he would be immersed in celebrations.

In fact, the cricketer's major journey began at the Karnataka Institute of Cricket in the city in 2008. His parents, who own a coffee plantation in Chikmagalur, realised that their son loves the sport early on. From the time he was in Class 5, they began to look for schools in the city with a good cricket team and coach so that he could improve further. Gradually , it was in the city that he began to learn the fine nuances of the game under the watchful eyes of KIOC director Irfan Sait and other coaches at the institute as well.

Aneeshwar Gautam (left) and Irfan Sait

However, cricket was not the only sport he played in his early days. Aneeshwar even played tennis and won some under age competitions too. But he decided to shift his focus completely towards the gentleman's game when he was 12. That decision has proved to be correct with the player on the right path. The all-rounder, who initially started as a wicket-keeper batter, has excelled at various age-level cricket in Karnataka. He has also captained the Indian U-19 B team in the tri-series, involving Bangladesh as one of the teams as well.

Aneeshwar, currently a first-year BBA student in St. Joseph's College of Commerce, was attracted to the game from his early days. He would draw various fielding positions and had deep knowledge of the sport when he was just six. "Like all kids in India, you know how they take to cricket. He was no different. Initially he used to play with his father and others. Right from those days we realised his great interest in the sport. When he was watching TV, it would be cricket and loved watching Test cricket. He would draw a field with different fielding positions also," Shwetha told *CE*.

The 19-year-old did not get too many opportunities to play in the showcase event. Against Uganda, he scored a nine-ball 12 while he scalped two wickets in four overs against Ireland. He only got that opportunity when several players were tested Covid-19 positive, ruling them out of a few matches. However, Sait believes, no matter what, him being a part of the winning squad is a memory he will cherish forever.

"It is a great feeling to be a world champion. This will stay with him for the rest of his life. Also, no one can take it away from him and it is something that money will not be able to buy," said Sait.

JEWELLERY SHOPPING

Manvi Garg Designs' is offering a collection of handmade and statement jewellery, made using natural elements encased in resin. The collection entails pendants, earrings with romantic red rose petals, bougainvillea's and even dried flowers. **Available** to order from Manvi Garg Designs website

POTTERY WORKSHOP

Pottery is a way to get in touch with our roots. Learn hand building and Wheel Throwing at Lahe Lahe, Bengaluru. **When:** Till Feb 27 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

DECOR COLLECTION

Home decor brand The Yellow Dwelling has curated a collection of knick knacks, cushions with a fun bow detailing, wooden candle stands, table linen with tassel detailing and much more. The brand has also introduced contemporary and sustainable furnishing and decor designs for Valentines Day. **Check out** the collection on The Yellow Dwelling website.

MUSICAL SHOW

Into musical events? A theatre and arts' event, *The Burning Man* is an English musical comedy about techies vs hippies that is streaming online. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** insider.in

FRONTROW IS ORGANISING A DAILY ONLINE OPEN MIC SESSION BETWEEN **8 PM - 10 PM** | **WHEN:** TILL FEB 28 | **REGISTER:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Jane Austen touch

Are you a fan of Jane Austen and her love stories? Watch *Emma*, a new Jane Austen Musical available on insider on demand for everyone who believes in love.
When: Ongoing **Details:** insider.in

Snack Time

Samosa Party is introducing new golden-fried delights every month and February is the month of Tex-Mex samosas. The new samosa snack bucket for the month is spicy with a Mexican-Texan twist, paired with Jalapeno cheese dip. **Price:** ₹199/- Available on Swiggy and Zomato.

Eye-catchy!

Vogue Eyewear reveals a new selection of chic eye wear for men and women. **Available at:** amazon.in, ₹4,000 onwards

RAINING HEARTS

No plans for Valentine's Day? Experience a candlelight dinner along with live music and fun activities at the Starlit Suites, Whitefield. **When:** Feb 14 **Details:** eventbrite.com

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Indian Artisan Bazaar is organising an arts and crafts mela for 10 days. It will display ethnic and contemporary arts and crafts, clothing, handloom sarees, jewellery, home décor, furniture, and handicraft products sourced directly from the artisans and craft persons from across India. **When:** Till Feb 13 **Where:** Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road.

Statements from Rajasthan

Gulabo Jaipur presents the Moonlight collection. It includes Aqsa set (dresses with jacket), Chand (kurta with pants) and Hunar (co-ord sets).
Available at: gulabojaipur.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

GREEN CHILLI BURFI

INGREDIENTS

■ **Corn flour:** 1/2 cup ■ **Green chillies:** 4 ■ **Sugar:** 1.5 cup ■ **Water:** 1 cup ■ **Ghee:** 4 tbsp ■ **Chopped dry fruits**

METHOD

■ Slit the green chillies and remove the seeds. In a pan, heat 1/4 cup of water with 1 tsp of sugar. Add the chillies and boil till they turn pale. Drain the water and grind into coarse paste. In a bowl, mix corn flour with 1 cup of water. Add the chilli paste. Heat ghee in a pan and add the flour mixture. Cook on low flame till it thickens.

■ Add the chopped dry fruits and mix well. Keep stirring till the mixture leaves the sides of the pan and form a burfi-like consistency. Transfer the dough to a greased plate. Cut and serve.

— Vaishali Sanjay, Bengaluru

SOUND BOARD

DR DEATH

Dr Death is a podcast produced by Wondery that focuses on egregious cases of medical malpractice. The podcast is hosted and reported by Laura Beil and premiered in 2021.
- Available: Spotify

STORYTIME WITH SETH ROGEN

Every week Seth asks somebody, "Do you have a great story? And if you do, will you tell it on my podcast?" Storytime starts with Seth's curiosity about people and the world, and always ends up in an unexpected place.
- On Apple Podcasts

ALGORITHM

This podcast will explore how technology can be used to identify and track serial killers, and how an algorithm can influence the way homicides are investigated all across the country.
- On Apple Podcasts

SHE SAYS SHE'S FINE

The show will explore and open up conversations around sex, periods, contraception, miscarriages, IVF, etc in the context of changing lifestyle choices, advancements in medical technology, misinformation, social taboos and more.
- On Apple Podcasts

THE JUST ENOUGH FAMILY

The Just Enough Family follows the meteoric rise and staggering fall of the Steinbergs, once one of America's richest families, through the eyes of Liz Lange, niece of the infamous corporate raider Saul Steinberg. Host Ariel Levy, Liz's friend, gets an inside look at what happened to the once seemingly invincible clan.
- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

BAIRAVAA

A loan recovery officer, Bhairava, finds a girl who wants to expose a local gangster and starts liking her. However, when he listens to her story, Bhairava decides to help her in her endeavours.
- Cast: Vijay, Keerthy Suresh, Jagapathi Babu, Y Gee Mahendra

UPPI 2

Neenu leads a selfless life helping others in need without expecting anything in return. In the meantime, the police and an underworld don are on the lookout for him over a multi-crore property.
- Cast: Upendra Rao, Kristina Akheeva, Parul Yadav, Priyanka Upendra

CHOWKA

Four prisoners, who are framed for crimes they did not commit, come together to help a school teacher prove his innocence in the crime for which he was framed.
- Cast: Diganth, Prajwal Devaraj, Vija Raghavendra, Priyamani

AMMA I LOVE YOU

On the advice of a saint, a rich man crosses all boundaries to restore his mother's health as she is on her deathbed. In order to do that, he must turn into a beggar for 48 hours.
- Cast: Nishvika Naidu, Chiranjeevi Sarja, Ravi Kale, Chikkanna

DODDMANE HUDGA

Surya, a boy belonging to a big family of the town, moves out of the house when ignored by his father Rajivappa. However, after a few years, he comes back to rescue his land from a local criminal.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Bharathi Vishnuvardhan, Chikkanna, Ambareesh

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 SMART SOLUTIONS TO DECARBONIZE BUILDINGS BY KATIE MCGINTY

The indoor spaces we spend most of our lives in emit 40 per cent of the world's greenhouse gasses. Rethinking how to create and occupy the spaces we inhabit, Katie McGinty, chief sustainability officer at Johnson Controls, walks us through smart, efficient and eco-friendly ways to decarbonize buildings and the benefits to both, business and the planet.

2 HOW TO PROVIDE COOLING FOR EVERYONE — WITHOUT WARMING THE PLANET BY RACHEL KYTE

Sustainable development expert Rachel Kyte identifies four major areas with transformative solutions — from roofs painted with bright white paint to solar control glass to more efficient cold chains for vaccines — that can be implemented in fair and sustainable ways. Learn more about what a community designed for cool could look like.

3 THE MIND-BENDING ART OF DEEP TIME BY KATIE PATERSON

In this lively talk, conceptual artist Katie Paterson takes us through her art — a telephone line connected to a melting glacier, maps of dying stars — and presents her latest project: the Future Library, a forested room holding unread manuscripts from famous authors.

4 A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN PATRIOTISM BY DEVAL PATRICK

A self-identified patriot, lawyer, Harvard professor and former governor of Massachusetts Deval Patrick outlines how the country has strayed from the values that make the USA unique and calls for a collective patriotism, free from cynicism and fatalism.

5 4 WAYS TO REDEFINE POWER AT WORK TO INCLUDE WOMEN OF COLOR BY RHA GODDESS AND DEEPA PURUSHOTHAMAN

Exposing the harmful repercussions of racist, toxic organisational cultures, soul coach Rha Goddess and corporate inclusion visionary Deepa Purushothaman share four pathways to reimagine work so women of color are centered as leaders.

FIT BIT

EKA PADA RAJA KAPOTASANA 4

(ONE-LEGGED KING PIGEON POSE 4)

This is a seated asana that increases flexibility and offers a wide range of physical and spiritual benefits. Spiritually, it is associated with Ajna (third eye) Chakra. To open a third eye is to accept spiritual wisdom and discernment. It used to be understood that our soul has no need for binocular vision because the wisdom that is being imparted to you is a gift. It allows our brain to quantify variables of an object in motion, according to distance and speed. The third eye refers to the gate that leads to the inner realms and spaces of higher consciousness. Opening the hips has been linked to the release of built-up stress, anxiety and any other negative energy.

STEPS

- Sit with legs outstretched.
- Then, rest the entire length of your left leg straight on the floor, behind you.
- Place your palms on your waist, push the chest forward, stretch your neck, and throw your head as far back as possible and balance for some time in this pose.
- Rest the hands on the floor, bend the left knee and lift the left foot up to the head. The left leg from the knee to the ankle should be perpendicular; tighten the muscles of the left thigh.
- Exhale, then take your right arm over the head and grip the left foot. Take a few breaths.
- Keep the left hand on the right knee in front of you.
- Push the chest forward, move the right hand further down, grip the ankles and lower your head.
- Stay in the pose for about 10 seconds. As the chest is expanded fully and the abdomen is contracted, you will breathe fast. Try to breathe normally.
- Release the grip of the right hand on the left toe and left hand on the right knee, and come back to the original position.
- Repeat the pose on the other side.

BENEFITS

- Helps to open hip joint and lengthen hip flexor.
- Stretches the thighs, gluteal and piriformis muscles.
- Extends the groin and psoas.
- Helps with urinary disorder.
- Improves posture, alignment and overall suppleness.
- Lessens sciatic pain.

LIMITATIONS

- Avoid this if you have had a hip replacement or are currently facing hip injury.
- Pregnant women, those trying to conceive, and those who have an ankle or knee injury should avoid this.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

THALLI POGATHEY (Tamil)

When Karthik declines her proposal to elope, Pallavi marries Arun and emigrates to France. Karthik, who is still in love with Pallavi, also lands up in France a year later in hopes of winning her back.

Cast: Atharvaa, Anupama Parameshwaran, Amitash Pradhan, Vidyullekha Raman

- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

PON MANICKAVEL (Tamil)

The police department from Chennai is baffled by the brutality of a crime and they get help from someone who has given up as a cop.

Cast: Prabhu Deva, Nivetha Pethuraj, Suresh Chandra Menon

- Available on: Disney+ Hotstar

ROBERRT (Kannada)

Raghava, the head cook in a catering unit, leads a peaceful life with his son Arjun. However, their bliss is short-lived as Raghava's past comes back to haunt him.

Cast: Asha Bhat, Darshan Thoogudeepa, Sonal Monteiro, Vinod Prabhakar

- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

BHAIRAVA GEETHA (Kannada)

Geetha falls in love with her father's henchman, Bhairava, and the couple elopes as everybody is against their relationship. However, Geetha's father orders his men to kill Bhairava.

Cast: Irra Mor, Dhananjay Bala Rajwadi, Vijay Ram

- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

UNPAUSED (Hindi, series)

An anthology of films focused on the concept of how people move forward despite adversity, from the importance of new beginnings to second chances at the end of dark tunnels.

Cast: Saquib Saleem, Shreya Dhanawantry, Saiyami Kher, Rinku Rajguru, Geetika Vidya Ohlyan, Ishwak Singh

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KAI PO CHE! (Hindi)

Three friends start an academy to train aspiring cricketers. But before they realise their goals, they experience an earthquake, an unstable political situation and communal riots.

Cast: Sushant Singh Rajput, Amit Sadh, Rajkummar Rao, Amrita Puri

- Available on: Netflix

CHOKED (Hindi)

A bank employee struggling to pay her unemployed husband's debts finds an unlimited source of cash in her home.

Cast: Saiyami Kher, Amruta Subhash, Roshan Mathew, Rajshri Deshpande

- Available on: Netflix

FOREIGN

THE ICE AGE ADVENTURES OF BUCK WILD (English)

The hilarious escapdes of everyone's favourite prehistoric mammals Crash and Eddie continue as they join Buck Wild to take on dinosaurs of the Lost World.

Cast: Simon Pegg, Aaron Harris

- Available on: Disney+ Hotstar

CAPHARNAÜM (Lebanon)

A poor young boy runs away from his house after his parents marry off his underage sister. Later, he sues them in court for bringing him into the world.

Cast: Nadine Labaki, Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw, Cedra Izam

- Available on: Amazon Prime Video

ROMA (Spanish)

Cleo is one of two domestic workers who help Antonio and Sofia take care of their four children in 1970s Mexico City. Complications soon arise when Antonio suddenly runs away with his mistress and Cleo finds out that she's pregnant.

Cast: Yalitza Aparicio, Marina de Tavira, Marco Graf, Nancy Garcia Garcia

- Available on: Netflix

DIVINES (French)

In a housing estate on the outskirts of Paris, a teenager who is hungry for her share of power and success becomes a runner for a drug dealer. When she meets a male dancer, a window of opportunity offers a different kind of life.

Cast: Oulaya Amamra, Deborah Lukumena, Kevin Mischel, Jisca Kalvanda

- Available on: Netflix

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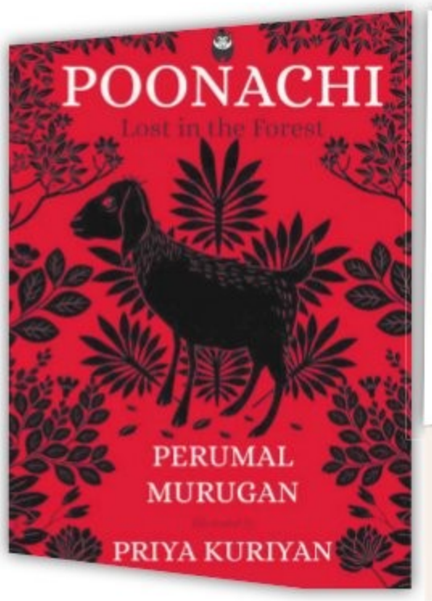

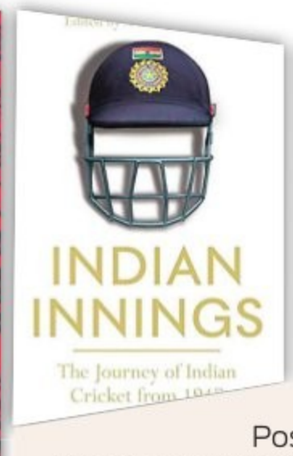

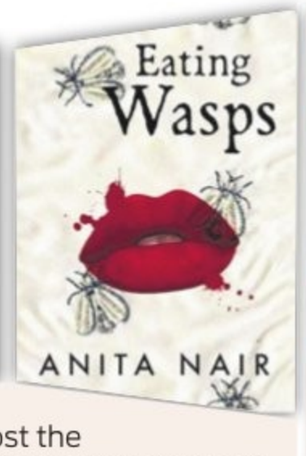

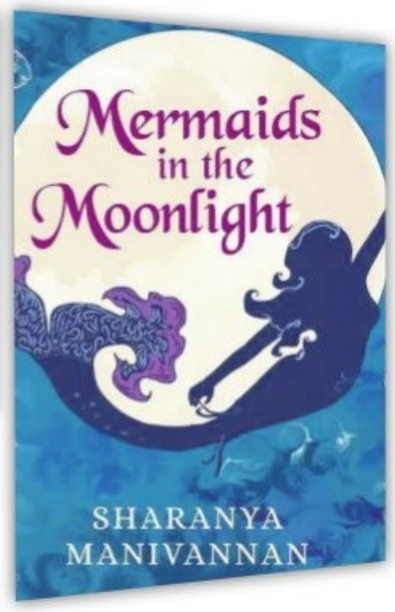

Post the announcement on the shut down of Westland Books, authors associated with the homegrown brand wonder about the way forward

AT A LOSS

MONIKA MONALISA

It is not very often that a publishing house just shuts, there is always a long process to it. We received a letter from Westland that they will try and place us elsewhere. That's the silver lining

Anita Nair, writer

ANITA Nair, whose last novel, *Eating Wasps*, was published by Westland Books, was at a loss for words when she heard about the plan to shut down the homegrown publication. "It is not very often that a publishing house just shuts, there is always a long process to it. There is an authors' list put together so that writers of the closing publication find a home. We received a letter that they will try and place us elsewhere. That's the silver lining," says Nair, adding that though *Eating Wasps* was the only book with Westland, her association with the team goes back a long time.

Author Preeti Shenoy had seven books published by Westland. With a long association like this, Shenoy is 'deeply saddened by the news'. "The pandemic has thrown up a lot of problems for everyone, and the publishing industry is no exception. However, I would have imagined that reading had increased during the pandemic. Hence this decision has come as a massive shock," says Shenoy, whose last book with the publishing house was *The Rule Breakers*.

While most are reeling under the shock, illustrator Priya Kurian looks at it through a different perspective. "With a huge corporate like Amazon in the picture, I am not shocked. That's the way Amazon is," says Kurian. She has published two books with them, a graphic novel called *Indira* along with writer Devapriya Roy; and a picture book with Perumal Murugan called *Poonachi*. She has also worked on book covers for a few projects.

Having worked closely with the editorial team, she says, "It was quite fun to work with them. The kind of attention that the illustrators and the designers get is quite nice. So it's a bit sad that this is the state of affairs." Just like many others, she is also not aware of the future of her books. "We don't know what's going to happen after books from the previous print run are sold," says Kurian.

Author Sharanya Manivannan, whose book *Mermaids in the Moonlight* is published by the publications house, took to Instagram to share her thoughts. "Know that the majority of the catalogues goes out of print by February 28. This means that their presence on the market till then depends largely on the demand for them right now. Bookstores will store books only if they see customer interest," she shared in a long post. Further, Manivannan went onto urge readers to buy more books by Westland author just to save the future of these books.

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Priya Kurian, illustrator

DESI DELIGHT

Actor and director Shefali Shah's new restaurant, Jalsa, opened with a bang over the weekend. The afternoon launch saw guests and the restaurant's crew breaking into a dance, humming some popular tunes and indulging the handiwork of a mehendi artiste. All this of course, amidst a diverse vegetarian fare | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

CITY READ

Ed-tech platform to support orphaned children

Dr Latha Murthy, managing trustee for WEST Education and Social Trust and founder-chairwoman of Empowered Minds Edu Solutions, signed an MoU with Nammane Summane Welfare Association to provide education support for children who have been orphaned during the pandemic. The agreement also aims to support using technology, adventure virtual tour and experiential learning programme for children under various age groups who have been adopted by the welfare association.

Carpet brand introduces new collection

Carpet brand Carpet Kingdom has launched a new collection of carpets inspired by the colours of love. The collection includes carpets displayed in various colours, including deep purple, magenta, cinnamon pink, that aims to suit the modern home with minimalist look and decor. For details, call 9741599655.

SKIN BLUES

Here's the impact of blue light on your skin and how you can stay safe from it

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

WITH the rate at which technology has progressed in a short period, combined with the remote working scenario, the majority of us spend hours staring at our gadgets either for work or leisure. While our smart devices offer us the ultimate convenience, allowing us to lead a hassle-free life, they come with their fair share of cons.

Speaking of cons, one of the things gadgets are notoriously known for is the blue light they emit. Now, it's well known that blue light has a host of harmful effects such as hampering the quality of your sleep, affecting your eyesight in the long run, etc. However, blue light also inflicts significant damage on our skin. But what can we do to avoid this?

The blue light impact

It's said that blue light is beneficial during the day as it boosts reaction times and uplifts your mood. However, blue light can be detrimental to our skin and overall well-being in the long run, especially when absorbed at night. Ultimately, blue light results in hyperpigmentation, possible photoageing, and the breakdown of collagen, leading to wrinkled skin - not something that sounds appealing, is it? Dr Merin Liza Jacob, director & co-founder of Green And Beige says, "It penetrates the skin's epidermis and reaches the dermis layer...blue light damages dermal fibroblasts and reduces the extracellular matrix. In a nutshell, prolonged exposure to blue light results in premature skin ageing through shrinkage or even death of skin cells. In fact, long-term exposure to blue light can make your skin pigmented, and a mere 60 minutes is sufficient to trigger these effects. Thirty hours of exposure to blue light from smartphone or laptop screens can increase the inflammation level in skin cells by 40 per cent."

Switching on the blue light filter on your phones and laptop is not the solution. A blue light shield for your skin Simply put, it's time to step up your skincare routine game. When purchasing a product, look out for ingredients that will protect your skin from the blue light- much like looking for sunscreens to shield against UV rays. Dr Merin suggests, "While the evolution of sunscreens has created a lot of murky waters in terms of their toxicity to the water bodies and the organisms in them, blue light protection has, fortunately, taken a clean and sustainable route. Antioxidants such as vitamin C, E, and categories of B along with Ferulic Acid, Polyphenols, and Flavonoids are known to be effective in a small manner in combating the free radical damage caused by blue light. But they do not protect you from it. Capsanthin esters from red bell peppers have been shown to absorb and deflect these blue light radiations. They also impart a remedial action in terms of the damages inflicted by these rays".

Today, clean beauty products that minimise blue light damage and are gentle and effective are easily available in the market. Clean beauty also ensures that products are safe not just for human skin but also for the entire planet while deriving potent ingredients to safeguard your skin. So, regardless of whether you spend more time indoors or outdoors, ensure you are shielded from blue light the clean beauty way.

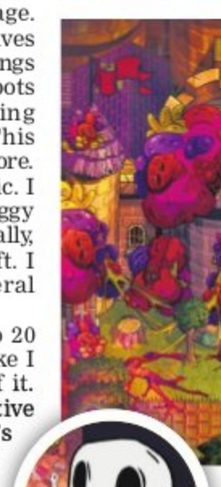
A MISSION TO SAVE THE WORLD

@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

Nobody Saves the World is an action-RPG game that knew exactly how to reel me in. I start the game as "Nobody". With dead eyes and a plain face, I have no recollection of my life. I find myself in a tiny shack in a strange village. But this bleakness instantly dissolves when I realise that I can punch things around me. Flower shrubs and pots dismember at my touch, leaving chocolates and coins behind it. This is fun. I talk to people to learn more. I steal a wand and become magic. I walk around and uncover the foggy areas of the world's map. I, eventually, develop the ability to shape-shift. I am not just "Nobody", but several powerful "Somebodies".

Although it took me close to 20 hours to beat the game, I felt like I had gained life years at the end of it. The trick to this is the imaginative silliness of the game. Nobody's shape-shifting ability allows us to inherit powers of a variety of creatures. It is impossible to explain the range of the character abilities in this short article, but here goes. At different points in the game, I was an egg hurtling out of a bird's nest; a speedy rat, gnawing through enemies; and a horse, aiming its hind legs with great difficulty. The tree of characters grow as we play, and eventually, I began to prefer using the powers of the obscenely strong bodybuilder, a magician who conjures rabbits, and a slime-shooting slug.



Where NStW wins, is in its ability to make me play without stopping. The increments are small, but constant. There is always a monster in the vicinity, calling out to me to get its face smashed. And once the dust settles, I realise there is a small area in the map that is just out of reach, and I walk to uncover it. I find myself in the mouth of a dungeon. "It's always a nice mood-lift to sweep monsters out of a dungeon," I tell myself. At every point in the game, I was always just one tiny step away from a pleasant, gratifying feeling. This could be in the form of a level up, a character upgrade, a new character unlocked, a cleared dungeon, or progression in the main missions. Eventually, I finish the game before I know it. I rate the game a full twenty-five magic stars. It is available for the PC via Steam, and the Xbox store. You can get it for free now, if you have the Xbox Game Pass!

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) AFSANA SURIYA,** residing at No. HMJ residency, 208, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) AFSANA SURIYA** to **(NEW NAME) AFSANA AFZAL SURIYA** vide affidavit Dated 04/02/2022 sworn before Notary C.Venkatapathy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KANIYAMBADI ABDUL ABDUL RASHEED,** aged about 60 years, S/o Abdul Subhan, R/at #146, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, MKS Layout, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru-560062, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KANIYAMBADI ABDUL SUBHAN ABDUL RASHEED** to **KANIYAMBADI ABDUL ABDUL RASHEED,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KANIYAMBADI ABDUL ABDUL RASHEED** only, vide affidavit dated 03-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. RAMESH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUDHA KODOTH** wife of Sri Suresh Kumar A.K., aged 61 years, residing at No.302, 2nd Floor, Mahaveer Kings Palace, Govt. College Road, Sathya Sai Baba Ashram, Kadugodi, Kadugodi Plantation, Bangalore-560067, have changed my name to **SUDHA KUMAR** Vide affidavit dated 03-02-2022 sworn before notary R. JYSHREE, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ARUN ROSARIO URIEL NEIL FERNANDES Residing flat No. 2B, 376, Malabar Mansion, 13th Main road, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore– 560034 have changed my name to **ARUN NEIL FERNANDES** vide affidavit dated 03/02/2022 sworn before notary A.S. Narayana Reddy

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHA C.** aged 38 years, W/o. **RAJAN K.** residing at No. 161, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Vyalikaval, HBSC Layout, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- 560040, have changed my name to **ASHA RAJAN** vide affidavit dated: 04-02-2022 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **, SAVITRI MUDALAGI** (old Name) W/o Basappa Kadashetti, D/o Maning Mudalagi, Residing at # 358, Darga pirdevar Street Huts, Palbhavi, Raybag Taluk, Belagavi District-591235, have Changed my name from **SAVITRI MUDALAGI** to **SAVITRI KADASHETTI** vide affidavit dated : 3-02-2022 sworn before the Notary B.K.G.Raju at Dodcaballapura

CHANGE OF NAME
NO 14570096k Ex/Nk S S Chakrasali # 9, 1st Cross, Balaji Layout, Marathahalli, Bangalore 560037 have changed my Daughter name from **Pooja** to **Pooja S C** vide Affidavit dt 23-11-2022 Sworn before Notary Yankoba, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ROSELINA T HORO,** Aged about 26 years, D/o. Thomas Horo, residing at No. C-1, 3rd Floor, Indra Dhanush Apartments, Near to Jain Compound, Kaprigudda, Attavar, Dakshina Kannada - 575 001, Karnataka, now at Bangalore, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ROSELINA T HORO** to **FATHIMA ZARA** vide affidavit dated 05.02.2022 sworn to before A. Idinabba, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SMT. NEELAVVA CHIKKAPPA CHOORI,** W/o Veeranna Gowda .B.M @ Veeranna Gouda Marigoudar, aged about 47 years, R/at No. 741, Krishnappa Building, Gollahalli Road, Near Yallamma Temple, Hebbagodi, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560099, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **SMT. NEELAVVA CHIKKAPPA CHOORI** and **NEELA .V MARIGOUDAR** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 05-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MUNISWAMY .T** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TIMMANNA GANAPATI BHAT,** S/o. Late. Ganapati R Bhat, aged about 56 years, Residing at No.186-9, Ground Floor, 11th Main, between 17th & 18th Cross Road, Lakkasandra Extension, Adugodi Post, Bengaluru-560 030. have Changed my Name from **TIMMANNA GANAPATI BHAT** to **TIRUMALESH GANAPATI BHAT** vide affidavit Dated: 05/02/2022 before Notary H.H. Nagaraj, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
NO 14570096k Ex/Nk S S Chakrasali # 9, 1st Cross, Balaji Layout, Marathahalli, Bangalore 560037 have changed my wife's name from **Mala** to **Mala S C** vide Affidavit dt 17-01-2022 Sworn before Notary Yankoba, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMANAMMA .N,** aged about 41 years, W/o Narayanaswamy Ramaiah, R/at #1/2, Jinkethimmanahalli, Kateramma Layout, T.C. Palya, Bengaluru-560036, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAMANAMMA GOVINDHAPPA** to **RAMANAMMA .N,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAMANAMMA .N** only, vide affidavit dated 03-02-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. RAMESH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
NO 14570096k Ex/Nk S S Chakrasali # 9, 1st Cross, Balaji Layout, Marathahalli, Bangalore 560037 have changed my Son name from **Vasant Kumar** to **Vasant Kumar S C** vide Affidavit dt 17-01-2022 Sworn before Notary Yankoba, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
We, SMT. ALTAMASH BANU W/o Afzal Shariff, Aged about 31 years and SRI. AFZAL SHARIFF S/o Mohammed Peer, aged about 35 years, both are R/at No. 22, 2nd Cross, Madeena Hotel, West of Padarayanapura, Mysore Road, Bangalore-26. have changed my daughter's name from **NIMBRA BANU** to **MIZBA TAJ** Vide Affidavit Dated: 05/02/2022, Sworn Before Notary P.N. Nagesh, Bangalore

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A still from *Guru Shishyaru*

Sharan plays coach to 13 young actors in *Guru Shishyaru*

The sports drama features 13 young boys who went through kho-kho training for one year

A SHARADHAA

GURU Shishyaru, directed by Jadeshaa K Hampi, is a sports drama exploring the game of kho-kho. Starring Sharan and 13 young actors, the film is about the conflict between the coach and the players. The makers released the motion poster of the film on the occasion of Sharan's birthday.

Out of the 13 young actors of the film, six of them are star kids - Hruday (Sharan), Ekanth (Prem), Surya (Ravi Shankar Gowda), Harshith (Naveen Krishna), Rakshak (Bullet Prakash), and MLA Raju Gowda's son Manikanta Nayak. Fresh talents - Asif Mulla, Sambhashiva, Sandesh, Sagar, Rudragowda, Anup Ramana, and Amith B are also part of the cast. However, Tharun Kishore Sudhir, the creative head and co-producer of *Guru Shishyaru*, said that celebrity kids and other aspiring talents were selected through auditions. "We auditioned about 450 actors, and we chose 13 best actors based on their talent and their dedication. Fortunately, we managed to get talents from across Karnataka," he says.

Tharun adds, "Today's generation, who are aware of cricket, football, to an extent, hockey, have little idea about kho-kho. We got these boys enrolled at Vijaynagar Khokho Federation Club in January 2020, and they practiced the game till this January. We are happy to introduce kho-kho to them. That is the intention of the film *Guru Shishyaru* as well. Sadly, this is our game, but it is being side-lined."

Tharun says that the team made sure the boys' education was not disturbed due to the shooting. "They were temporarily put up in a house, and it helped them to focus between studies, training for kho-kho, and shooting for the film," says the creative head, who is glad to learn that some boys of the cast have become professionals participating in tournaments.

Guru Shishyaru is now in the post-production stage. "We are re-recording, and will be bringing out the first copy in a couple of weeks," says Tharun.

The film, backed by Laddu Cinemas in association with Tharun Kishore Kreatiivez, also stars Nishvika Naidu, Suresh Heblikar, and Dattanna. Guru Shishyaru will have music and cinematography by Ajaneesh B Loknath and Sudhakar Shetty, respectively.

NODI SWAMY IVANU IRODE HEEGE

DEALS WITH HEARTBREAK, DEPRESSION

Rishi

The comedy-drama, starring Rishi and Dhanya Balakrishna, marks the debut of Islahuddin NS

CE FEATURES

RISHI'S upcoming film, *Nodi Swamy Ivanu Irode Heege* (*NSIIH*), is all about the power of thoughts. The makers, who have wrapped up the shoot, revealed the film's first teaser on Saturday.

According to actor Rishi, *NSIIH* is a comedy set that explores issues like heartbreak, depression, and suicide in a lighter vein. "It is the story of Sai Kumar, a victim of his own imagination. Post the break-up with his girlfriend, his life goes downhill causing him depression," he reveals.

NSIIH marks the debut of ad-filmmaker Islahuddin NS as the writer and the director. The film is produced by Amrej Suryavanshi, who had earlier produced Rishi's debut film Operation Alamelamma.

The film features Dhanya Balakrishna as the female lead, who is teaming up with Rishi for the second time after *Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakasha*. The film also has Greeshma Sridhar, Apoorva Bharadwaj, Bhavani Prakash, and Nagabhushana in supporting roles.

Nodi Swamy Ivanu Irode Heege will also be dubbed and released as *Vaddura Sodharaa* in Telugu.

Dhanya Balakrishna

Franka Potente

Run Lola Run actress reacts to Taapsee's *Looop Lapeta*

CE FEATURES

TAAPSEE Pannu took to Instagram to share a special message that the actor received from Franka Potente. Potente plays the lead role in the German film *Run Lola Run*, which has been adapted for Indian audiences as *Looop Lapeta*.

In the video, Potente says, "Hi guys, this is Franka. I think it is so exciting that you are shooting a remake of *Run Lola Run* after all these years. I'm honoured. I think it's very cool. I just wanted to wish you good luck. Good luck to Taapsee. I'm sure you will be amazing and I can't wait to see the film." Along with the video, Taapsee shared a caption that reads, "This makes it special looooooop number of times! Thank you, Franka! It's launch day for #*LooopLapeta* & here we have the OG Savi, loooped along to win our hearts." *Run Lola Run* is a 1998 German experimental thriller. It follows a woman named Lola (played by Franka) who needs to obtain 100,000 Deutschmarks in 20 minutes to save her boyfriend Manni.

A still from *Looop Lapeta*

Looop Lapeta, directed by Aakash Bhatia, also stars Tahir Raj Bhasin opposite Taapsee and it can be streamed on Netflix.

Netflix in talks to make *The Tinder Swindler* documentary into a feature film

CE FEATURES

NETFLIX'S recently released documentary *The Tinder Swindler* is likely to be made into a movie.

The documentary is about an Israeli fraudster named Shimon Hayut, who conned Scandinavian women into parting with hundreds of thousands of dollars by pretending on the dating app Tinder to be Simon Leviev, the son of Israeli diamond tycoon Lev Leviev.

Directed by Felicity Morris, the documentary interviews the women who were conned by Hayut. It shows how they uncover his true identity with the help of journalists from the Norwegian newspaper VG and bring him to justice.

Hayut, who was imprisoned in Israel in December 2019 on a 15-month jail sentence, conned his victims by romancing them with expensive dates and forming long-distance relationships with them. He then asked them to take out lines of credit for him under their names in order to pay for what he claimed to be extensive security needs. As per reports, Netflix has initiated talks with the producers to adapt *The Tinder Swindler* into a feature film. Raw TV produced the documentary alongside AGC Studios and Gaspin Media.

Nina Dobrev

Nina Dobrev to star alongside Aaron Eckhart in action-thriller *The Bricklayer*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Nina Dobrev will star alongside Aaron Eckhart in the upcoming action-thriller *The Bricklayer*.

Written by Hanna Weg and Matt Johnson, the film is set to be directed by Cliffhanger-director Renny Harlin. In the film, someone is blackmailing the CIA by assassinating foreign journalists and making it look like the agency is responsible. As the world begins to unite against the US, the CIA must lure its most brilliant and rebellious operative out of retirement, forcing him to confront his checkered past while unravelling an international conspiracy.

The film will be produced by Millennium Media along with Gerard Butler. G-Base's Alan Siegel, Butler and Danielle Robinson, Eclectic Pictures' Heidi Jo Markel, and Millennium Media's Jeffrey Greenstein, Les Weldon, Jonathan Yunger, Yariv Lerner and Rob Van Norden are producing the film. Avi Lerner, Trevor Short, Boaz Davidson and Tanner Mobley from Millennium are executive producers.

The film will begin production next month in Europe.

David Lynch

Filmmaker David Lynch joins cast of *The Fabelmans*

CE FEATURES

HOLLYWOOD filmmaker David Lynch has joined the cast of Steven Spielberg's upcoming film *The Fabelmans*.

The project marks the first collaboration between the two legendary filmmakers. Lynch will star alongside Michelle Williams, Seth Rogen, Paul Dano, Julia Butters and newcomer Gabriel LaBelle.

Lynch has previously featured in guest roles in many shows and movies, including his own series Twin Peaks, in which he played the role of Gordon Cole.

The Fabelmans is a semi-autobiographical film that is loosely based on Spielberg's childhood. Spielberg co-wrote the script with Tony Kushner of Lincoln and Munich fame. The film is currently in post-production. The film's ensemble also includes Judd Hirsch, Sam Rechner, Oakes Fegley, Chloe East, Julia Butters, Jeannie Berlin, Robin Bartlett, Jonathan Hadary and Isabelle Kusman.

Zendaya-starrer *Euphoria* renewed for season 3

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EUPHORIA, starring Zendaya, Hunter Schafer, Jacob Elordi among others in lead roles has been renewed for season 3 by HBO. The makers took to Instagram to confirm the news and captioned a teaser video, "#EUPHORIA has been renewed for season 3."

The second season Euphoria is currently being aired on HBO in the US and can be streamed on Disney+ Hotstar in India. The show is currently one of the things that is being raved about for its portrayal of the lives of young adults. The show is created by Sam Levinson and the second season consists of 10 episodes.

The show also has two special releases titled *Trouble Don't Always Last* and *F**k Anyone Who's Not A Sea Blob*. The show also stars Maude Apatow, Angus Cloud, Eric Dane, Alexa Demie, Barbie Ferreira, Nika King, Storm Reid, Algee Smith, Sydney Sweeney, Colman Domingo, and Austin Abrams.

Zendaya